

**BEFORE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF INDIANA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RULE AMENDMENTS GOVERNING) Administrative Cause
THE TAKING OF ANTLERED WHITE-) Number 12-018D
TAILED DEER) (LSA Document # 12-65)

**REPORT ON RULE PROCESSING, CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS,
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FINAL ADOPTION**

1. RULE PROCESSING

For consideration is a proposal to amend 312 IAC 9-3-2(u) to remove the expiration date and continue indefinitely the prohibition on taking more than one antlered deer during the special youth, archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons.

The Natural Resources Commission (*NRC*) granted preliminary adoption of this rule amendment proposal on January 10, 2012.

The “Notice of Intent” to adopt the proposed rule amendment was posted to the INDIANA REGISTER database website as 20120201-IR-312120065NIA on February 1, 2012. The notice identified Linnea Petercheff, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, as the “small business regulatory coordinator” for purposes of Indiana Code § 4-22-2-28.1.

As specified by Executive Order, fiscal analyses of the rule proposal were submitted, along with a copy of the proposed rule language and a copy of the posted Notice of Intent, to the Office of Management and Budget on February 3, 2012. In a letter dated March 22, 2012, Adam. M. Horst, Director, Office of Management and Budget, recommended that the proposed rule amendments be approved.

Because the Department estimated that there would be no costs or requirements imposed upon small businesses it was not necessary to submit the rule proposal and fiscal analyses to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for review.

The NRC Division of Hearings submitted the rule proposal to the Legislative Services Agency (*LSA*) along with the “Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Business” (also known as the “Economic Impact Statement”) on March 28, 2012. The Notice of Public Hearing was

submitted to LSA on March 29, 2012. The Notice of Public Hearing, along with the Economic Impact Statement and the text of the proposed rule was posted to the INDIANA REGISTER database website on April 11, 2012 as 20120411-IR-312120065PHA. Following receipt of an “Authorization to Proceed” from LSA on March 30, 2012, the NRC Division of Hearings also caused a Notice of Public Hearing to be published by the Indianapolis Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County, Indiana, on April 3, 2012. In addition, notice of the public hearing and a summary of the proposed rule changes were published on the NRC’s web-based electronic calendar.

2. REPORT OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

a) Public Hearing Comments

A public hearing was conducted as scheduled on May 3, 2012 at the Plainfield Indiana Public Library. Sandra Jensen served as the hearing officer. Linnea Petercheff participated on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife and Lt. Col. Steve Hunter participated on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement. Five members of the public attended the public hearing. A summary of the comments received at the public hearing have been attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

b) Comments Received Outside Public Hearing

An opportunity was provided for the public to submit written comments from approximately January 2012 until May 3, 2012. The written comments have been attached to this report as Exhibit B, which is incorporated by reference.

c) Response by the Department of Natural Resources

The Department offered a written response to the public comments on May 4, 2012. A copy of the Department’s response is attached as Exhibit C, which is incorporated by reference.

3. ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Commission initially adopted an administrative rule to prohibit the taking of more than one antlered white-tailed deer throughout the entirety of the deer seasons that became applicable in the fall of 2002. The rule, as initially adopted, would have expired on September 1, 2007. However, the Commission readopted the rule provision in May 2007 for an additional five year period that is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2012. The present rule amendment proposal seeks to eliminate the expiration date and have the restriction on the taking of antlered deer remain in place indefinitely.

This rule has commonly been referred to as the “One Buck Rule”, or “OBR”.

In May 2007 when the rule was last readopted, the Department reported:

Harvest statistics dating back to 1990 indicate that the age of antlered deer taken each year was increasing prior to the one buck rule taking effect in 2002. Therefore, the DNR cannot yet determine whether or not the one buck rule is affecting the age structure of the wild deer herd. The DNR needs a few more years to fully evaluate the implementation of the one buck rule, and would need several years to return to allowing two bucks to be taken each year in order to scientifically evaluate the effect of this rule.

Report of Public Hearing and Comments and Recommendation Regarding Final Adoption, April 25, 2007, In the Matter of One Buck Rule, Administrative Cause # 06-185D.

In its submission to the Commission in January 2011 in support of the present rule amendment proposal the Department reported:

Harvest data indicates that we have accelerated our harvest of more mature male deer (older than 1.5 years old) since the “one buck rule” has been established and decreased the number of 1.5 year old males in our harvest (see graph below). Whether this trend is specifically due to the one buck rule is difficult to ascertain due to a number of factors (increased license price at the onset of the one buck rule, continuing evolving hunting regulations, aging hunters, changed expectations, etc). We really don’t know, and will never know, if we were successful at changing the age structure of males on the landscape, but we are certain that our male harvest has changed drastically since the inception of the one buck rule, and with our current set of regulations, have balanced our male : female harvest ratio for the first time since approximately 2006 and have maintained that course in subsequent years.

Consideration for preliminary adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 9 governing deer hunting, commercial deer processing, and wild turkey hunting; Administrative Cause No. 11-207D, Item #10 of the Commission Agenda for January 2012.¹

Many members of the public offering comments in support of this present rule amendment proposal explain that they are observing fewer yearling “bucks” taken and argue that an increased number of young deer are being allowed to reach maturity. This observation is consistent with the observation that the rule was resulting in “improvements to both the population and quality of antlered deer” noted by proponents of the continuation of the rule in 2007. *Report of Public Hearing and Comments and Recommendation Regarding Final Adoption, April 25, 2007, In the Matter of One Buck Rule, Administrative Cause # 06-185D.*

Similarly, the individuals who oppose adoption of the present proposed rule express the belief that there is insufficient scientific data to support the present rule amendment, which will perpetuate the restriction indefinitely. This position was shared by individuals who opposed the extension of the rule in 2007. *Id.* Some of these comments reflect accurately that the Department’s deer biologists, Jim Mitchell, now retired, and Chad Stewart, have stated that a “return to allowing two bucks to be taken each year” would be necessary to “scientifically evaluate the effect of this rule” upon deer populations. The individuals who oppose this rule are seeking to have the present restriction eliminated for a period of time to allow the Department’s deer biologist to conduct a scientific evaluation of the impact of this rule. While the

¹ Please note that the Commission separated this proposed rule amendment out of a package of rule amendments proposed in Administrative Cause # 11-207D. For this reason the present rule amendment proposal bears a different Administrative Cause Number. See *Natural Resources Commission January 10, 2012, Meeting Minutes*, pgs. 7 – 18.

evidence is admittedly not scientifically validated, it cannot be ignored that there is, at a minimum, anecdotal evidence established through a review of harvest data since the inception of the restriction that the numbers of antlered deer harvested has declined to a point where the harvest of antlered deer has been nearly balanced with the harvest of antlerless deer since 2006. *Consideration for preliminary adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 9 governing deer hunting, commercial deer processing, and wild turkey hunting; Administrative Cause No. 11-207D, Item #10 of the Commission Agenda for January 2012.*

It is noted that in 2007 the “comments received generally number two to one in support of extending the one buck restriction until August 31, 2012...” *Report of Public Hearing and Comments and Recommendation Regarding Final Adoption, April 25, 2007, In the Matter of One Buck Rule, Administrative Cause # 06-185D.* The ratio of public comments in support of and opposed to the indefinite continuation of the restriction on the taking of antlered deer as proposed here, essentially remains at a 2 : 1 ratio.

In 2007, the Department concluded that:

The DNR does not consider this rule proposal to be a biological issue. Limiting deer hunters to take only one buck per year, regardless of equipment used, is not necessary to manage the deer herd. The DNR believes that it is simply a social issue. Of the comments received on this rule proposal, approximately 68% supported extending the one buck rule.

Id. In its response, the Department indicated that a multi-modal survey of individual’s holding deer hunting licenses was conducted in 2010, with survey results indicating that “the majority of Indiana deer hunters (65%) support the One Buck Rule, mostly *strong* support.” *Consideration for preliminary adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 9 governing deer hunting, commercial deer processing, and wild turkey hunting; Administrative Cause No. 11-207D, Item #10 of the Commission Agenda for January 2012.*

While there remains no scientifically validated determination that the restriction, which allows the taking of only one antlered deer, is impacting Indiana’s overall deer populations or the quantity or quality of antlered deer, there is some indication that this restriction, as a part of the overall deer management system in place, has resulted in the balancing of the harvest of antlered and antlerless deer. However, as was the determination in 2007, this rule proposal has little to do with the management of white-tailed deer but, instead, is predominantly an issue of public and social policy that the majority of deer hunters support.

The rule, as proposed, attached and incorporated by reference at Exhibit D, is appropriate for final adoption.

Dated: May 4, 2012

Sandra L. Jensen
Hearing Officer

EXHIBIT A**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SUMMARY****Todd Barnes, Plainfield, Indiana**

Todd Barnes stated that he is in favor of the rule proposal to keep the one buck rule in place indefinitely. He added that while he hunts does he also likes to trophy hunt and has observed that the size of deer has increased and the number of deer with bigger body mass has increased.

Jack Barnes, Plainfield, Indiana

Jack Barnes added to Todd Barnes comment suggesting that additional restrictions be imposed to prohibit hunters from taking “spikes”. Jack Barnes recommended that a four point restriction also be placed on the taking of antlered deer.

Stephen Spencer, North Salem, Indiana

Stephen Spencer noted that he is a long time Indiana hunter and is also hunter education instructor. He noted that he is not a “trophy hunter” and actually prefers to take does but that he does like seeing the big bucks. Spencer added “the one buck rule is the best thing the state’s ever done.”

Gary Humphrey, Plainfield, Indiana

Gary Humphrey stated that he is in favor of the one buck rule. He also suggested that additional restrictions should be placed upon the taking of antlered deer. Humphrey’s suggestion was to adopt restrictions similar to those in place in Mississippi, which allows the take of only antlered with a 10” spread and 12” main beam length. It was briefly discussed how a hunter could ascertain the appropriate measurements from a distance while in the field and Humphrey explained that pamphlets offering instruction on how to judge the appropriate size are provided and that the Mississippi Officers do not seek enforcement in situations where the antlered deer taken are close to the appropriate size. Humphrey acknowledged that certain exceptions should be considered for such thing as youth hunting seasons.

Herb Higgins, Greenwood, Indiana (Indiana Bow Hunter’s Association)

Herb Higgins serves as Treasurer of the Indiana Bow Hunter’s Association and offered a comment on behalf of the Association. Higgins offered support for the rule proposal adding that the recent rule amendment that will allow the use of crossbow will increase pressure on antlered deer populations. For this reason, Higgins stated that the one buck rule is even more important now than before. Higgins also observed that there are methods of taking more than one antlered deer citing specifically the ability to take a second antlered deer in the urban deer season and through draw hunts.

EXHIBIT B

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

[Download Data](#)

Commentor Name Doug Baker
 Commentor County 43
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Warsaw
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Please keep the one buck rule.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 09:23:21 AM

Commentor Name michael d meisberger
 Commentor County 78
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City vevay
 Commentor Organization farmer/business owner
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I would be in favor of continuing the one buck rule for all season's. I have noticed a favorable increase in older antlered deer in our area and believe the OBR is a major contributing factor since it was put into effect. I am a lifetime license holder and a small business owner as well as a farmer. I AM IN FAVOR OF KEEPING OBR IN EFFECT.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 10:29:22 AM

Commentor Name Joel Nute
 Commentor County 18
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Muncie
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I feel like it should be 1 buck (antlered deer) for archery (early and late) and 1 for firearm (general firearm and muzzleloader). You would sell more tags for both seasons and increase income. I dont really feel it would effect the deer herd much.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 10:40:42 AM

Commentor Name Sam Hennessee II
 Commentor County 49
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Indianapolis
 Commentor Organization N/A
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Please let this expire. I have hunted Indiana for over 25 years for Deer. I find

myself hunting less and taking fewer deer as a result of the OBR. I am not an antler hunter. Now, I typically will take my first mature buck plus one doe every year. Previously, I would harvest the first mature buck plus a doe. Then a few more does and maybe an additional buck to extend my hunting season. I will typically stop hunting after I have taken just one buck.

Please stop the OBR!

Sincerely,

Sam Hennessee

Time stamp 01/21/2012 11:29:40 AM

Commentor Name Steven Reid

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Argos

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I vote do away with the OBR. Just my opinion, but "trophy hunters" hunting the big scoring buck are wiping out access to places TO hunt.

It's become a "rich get richer" sport and leaves us old farts behind in the dust who just want to hunt.

Not sure if the OBR has given us more BIG bucks but this past year was the worst one Ive had in two decades for SEEING a buck.

God Bless

Steve

Time stamp 01/21/2012 11:34:46 AM

Commentor Name Joe Bacon

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The OBR has proven to be popular with a wide cross section of deer hunters. It has also as DNR said help improve the antlerless harvest in Indiana.

The survey used to determine hunter satisfaction was done in a fair way in my opinion, ALWAYS use an independent source. Also random survey of individuals will result in an honest cross section of hunters wishes.

Please approve the rule as proposed. People have ample/multiple opportunities for additional bucks in military refuge hunts as well as state park hunts, then there is the urban areas that also allow an additional buck

Time stamp 01/21/2012 12:31:59 PM

Commentor Name Danny L. East
 Commentor County 55
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Martinsville
 Commentor Organization Woody's Site
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I am in favor of retaining the One Buck Rule.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 12:32:38 PM

Commentor Name Julie Delaney
 Commentor County 49
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Indianapolis
 Commentor Organization None
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I do not want the one buck rule changed. I have hunted deer the past seven years in Indiana and believe the one buck rule is a very good rule. If it's changed, hunters won't kill as many does.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 01:17:44 PM

Commentor Name Travis Jared Howell
 Commentor County 54
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City New market
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think the one buck rule I a great thing. If a hunter wants meat shoot more does I enjoy seeing the bigger deer that have come from the one buck rule.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 01:18:13 PM

Commentor Name Andrew Cutting
 Commentor County 41
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Greenwood
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment The One Buck Rule is a great rule and should continue. The rule has increased the number of record book size deer coming out of the state and has not affected hunters opportunity to harvest a deer.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 01:20:18 PM

Commentor Name David A. Hicks
 Commentor County 47
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Springville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I oppose making the one-buck rule permanent.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 02:03:14 PM

Commentor Name Dennis Wayne Patterson
Commentor County 41
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Franklin
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I'm in favor of this.
Time stamp 01/21/2012 02:28:58 PM

Commentor Name Jerry D. Brummett
Commentor County 13
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Taswell
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think the OBR should remain the same.
Time stamp 01/21/2012 03:00:40 PM

Commentor Name Brent Miller
Commentor County 78
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Canaan
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am an avid hoosier outdoorsman. I have lived in Indiana my entire life and have been hunting since I was five years old. I am a life time license holder and hunt turkey, deer, waterfowl, racoons, coyotes, rabbits and other small game. I hunt deer with archery, firearms and muzzleloaders. I support making the "One Buck Rule" permanent.
Time stamp 01/21/2012 03:05:07 PM

Commentor Name Ryan McDuffee
Commentor County 47
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Springville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of allowing IDNR biologist setting policy and rules for managing the wildlife with sound science. I never liked the OBR as it really didn't impact many hunters and had no impact on overall harvest. It did shift the harvest from early archery to the fire arms seasons.
I strongly oppose the idea of "earn a buck". This type of rule will only increase the harvest on paper.
Time stamp 01/21/2012 04:14:52 PM

Commentor Name William yeager
Commentor County 40
Commentor State IN
Commentor City North vernon

Commentor Organization NMLRA
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I agree with the one buck rule.
 I don't agree with the earn a buck.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 04:26:41 PM

Commentor Name donald payl
 Commentor County 82
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City evansville
 Commentor Organization none
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment i am totally against the one buck rule go back to the 2 buck rule it would make more money for the state
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 04:46:33 PM

Commentor Name Jared Mobley
 Commentor County 85
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City North Manchester
 Commentor Organization USACE
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment The "one buck rule" makes little sense from a management stand point. More mature bucks are being shot, but that is because hunters as a whole have made a shift from meat hunters to trophy hunters. The worst thing is the state is losing revenue. I think that if the IDNR wants more hunters to take antlerless deer they should allow hunters to earn the chance to take a second buck with any legal weapon during the respective season after taking a antlerless deer or a number of antlerless.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 06:38:23 PM

Commentor Name Jedidiah Hunt
 Commentor County 34
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Kokomo
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I feel that a 2 or 3 year reinstatement of the 2-buck rule will show whether or not the OBR is the reason for the age structure shift in the bucks being harvested by the hunters in our state. I do, however, fully support going back to the OBR if a drop is seen in the age structure of our State's deer herd. Pre-OBR I rarely took two bucks in a season, as I prefer to take 2-4 does and wait for a "shooter" buck. So why not let Chad Stewart have the data needed to ascertain whether the OBR really is due the credit it is receiving... 3 year trial period with the results being used to determine the real effect the OBR had, then use the outcome to make a decision regarding the future of the OBR.
 Time stamp 01/21/2012 07:30:50 PM

Commentor Name Roger Sellers
 Commentor County 43
 Commentor State IN

Commentor City Silver Lake
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I am strongly in favor of continuing and making permanant the OBR
 Time stamp 01/22/2012 12:28:00 AM

Commentor Name Paul A. Vice
 Commentor County 36
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Seymour
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Please take steps necessary to make the one buck rule permanent in Indiana.

We have had enough trials. Support for this rule has grown since inception. The yearling buck harvest percentage has dropped considerably under this rule....so it is working.
 Time stamp 01/22/2012 05:34:23 AM

Commentor Name Clarence Williams
 Commentor County 87
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Newburgh
 Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment The OBR (one buck rule)

The DNR surveyed 25,000 Indiana deer hunters. Of that total 36% (9,000) were single season deer hunters that the OBR has not had and will never will have any effect on their deer hunting and would undoubtedly vote to keep the OBR. Any time you have a voting block of that magnitude the survey will indobtedly be flawed. So if less than half of the remaining Indiana deer hunters surveyed (45% or 7,200) voted for the OBR they would end up with the 65% that they now claim to be in favor of the OBR. In my opinion, the survey is flawed.

The DNR proposal states - "Harvest data indicates that we have accelerated our harvest of more mature male deer (older than 1.5 years old) since the "one buck rule" has been established and decreased the number of 1.5 year old males in our harvest (see graph below). Whether this trend is specifically due to the one buck rule is difficult to ascertain due to a number of factors (increased license price at the onset of the one buck rule, continuing evolving hunting regulations, aging hunters, changed expectations, etc).

We really don't know, and will never know, if we were successful at changing the age structure of males on the landscape, but we are certain that our male harvest has changed drastically since the inception of the one buck rule, and with our current set of regulations, have balanced our male: female harvest ratio for the first time since approximately 2006 and have maintained that course in subsequent years."

Both the present and past Indiana deer biologists have stated that returning to a two buck

trial would give them the information to tell if the OBR had anything to do with the change in the age structure. Let's let our biologist have that opportunity.

Jim Mitchell stated, "The OBR would appear to have slightly accelerated the increase in older bucks, but we will not know whether such is the case without a trial return to the two-buck rule "

Chad Stewart said, ".....we will never truly know the impact of the One Buck Rule without returning to a two buck limit for a duration of 2-4 years."

What does the Indiana deer hunter think about the 3 year two buck trial?

From the 2011 DNR deer survey –

http://www.responsivemanagement.com/download/reports/IN_Deer_Report.pdf

56% are in favor of it as opposed to just 50% saying no "changing the One Buck Rule at all".

59% support an Earn A Buck on the second buck.

70% of the respondents indicated that an Earn a Buck would make them very or somewhat likely to harvest an additional antlerless deer in Indiana.

" Five potential actions regarding the One Buck Rule were read to respondents, and they were asked if they supported or opposed each action (one of the actions was the "no action" option). The most support was for allowing hunters to earn the privilege to harvest a second buck if they have already harvested an antlerless deer (59% support) and for conducting a 3-year pilot study that removes the One Buck Rule and returns to a Two Buck Rule that allows one antlered deer to be taken during Archery Season and one antlered deer to be taken during the Firearms or Muzzleloader Season combined (56%). Just half support not changing the One Buck Rule at all (50%). "

Before we add this one buck restriction, loss of hunter opportunities and loss of revenues I ask that the DNR allow Chad Stewart to conduct a two buck trial for the 3 years. The information gathered would be immeasurable to not only Indiana, but any state considering any change in buck limits

As you might know, the OBR trial was originally pushed through by two organized hunting groups to try and grow more "trophy bucks" in Indiana. Never mind that Indiana was getting their fair share of trophy bucks already. No doubt that we have experiencing an age shift in our bucks but according to Jim Mitchell, the Indiana Deer Biologist at that time, that trend had already started prior to the OBR coming into effect. Chad Stewart has echoed Jim's statement.

Are some hunters seeing bigger and more bucks in 2011 than they did in 2001 (pre-OBR)? Without a doubt. But, claiming that it was the OBR that did it is a giant leap.

Did we not see more and bigger bucks in 2001 than we did in 1991? Again, without a doubt.

It is a NATURAL progression in a growing herd and maturing deer hunters.

More and bigger bucks occurring is happening nationwide in just about every whitetail producing state- even multiple buck limit states.

Why is this happening? Because we, as hunters, are getting older, more experienced and more selective in what we will shoot.

I don't know of anyone, who after they have a few years deer hunting under their belt, that doesn't hold out for "more and bigger bucks".

The OBR is getting all the credit for something that is happening naturally. We are all starting to practice the QDM logo of - "Let him go, so he can grow".

I see that most of the hunters for the OBR are younger and do not know how far the Indiana herd has come. We are 6th place in total record book bucks. Nothing to sneeze at

Buck age shifts are occurring all over the country and according to the Quality Deer Management Association this is due to "A significant indication of the spread of the QDM philosophy.."

See ... <http://www.qdma.com/media/WhitetailReport09.pdf>

Yearling Buck Harvest Trends 1999 - 2005

" A significant indication of the spread of the QDM philosophy, the percentage of yearlings (1½-year-olds) in the nationwide buck harvest declined from an average of 51 percent in 1999 to 45 percent in 2005. During this same period the percentage of 2½-year-olds increased from 28 to 32percent and 3½-year-olds or older increased from 19 to 23 percent."

Midwest Age Structure of the Buck Harvest in 2009

In 2009, the average percentage of the antlered buck harvest that was 1½ years old was 41 percent, equal to the percentage in 2008. The data below shows how the yearling percentage of the antlered buck harvest in the U.S. has changed during the past two decades. In 2009, Arkansas averaged the fewest yearlings (10 percent of antlered buck harvest) and South Carolina averaged the most (65 percent of antlered buck harvest).

Other notables included Mississippi (14 percent), Louisiana (16 percent from DMAP areas)

and Missouri (19 percent in antler point restriction counties) averaging fewer than one yearling per five harvested antlered bucks.

QDMA - Percentage of Yearling Bucks in the U.S. Buck Harvest

1989 - 62%
 1994 - 57%
 1999 - 51%
 2001 - 48%
 2003 - 47%
 2005 - 45%
 2007 - 43%
 2009 - 41%
 2010 - 38%

Indiana's 2010 yearling buck harvest percentage was 40%. That is 2 percentage points above the average.

Our two buck limit neighboring state of Illinois had a 39.1 % yearling buck take in 2010.

What this means is this age shift is occurring in every whitetail producing state and is not just an Indiana OBR phenomenon. The only thing that is consistent among these states is that deer hunters are aging, getting more experienced, becoming more selective and QDM has caught on. No doubt that OBR proponents lay claim that this age shift is due to the OBR, but age data from other states proves otherwise. We are not alone in "growing trophy bucks".

Adopting a One Buck Rule when the data clearly shows that it we are about average for all whitetail producing states is reducing a lot of opportunity and revenue producing for a totally unproven theory.

Notable quotes on the OBR -

Dr. Jim Mitchell had stated," This rule will not appreciably change the antlered age structure because very few hunters take two antlered deer in a given season," DNR deer biologist

Chad Stewart, deer research biologist for the DNR, explained, "The Division has always maintained that the OBR is more of a social issue than a biological issue. Prior to 2002, approximately 15 percent of hunters took two bucks in a year, so the actual impact of decreasing the limit to one buck is minimal."

Some Indiana antlered deer harvest statistics.

Early Archery Buck Kills...

1999 - 9,067

2000 - 10,935

2001 - 12,016

Pre-OBR Average - 10,673

2002 - 7,397

2003 - 9,084

2004 - 7,985

2005 - 8,845

2006 - 9,390

2007 - 9,715

2008 - 9,193

2009 - 10,076

2010 - 8,930

Post OBR Average - 8,801

Difference – minus 1,872 (- 17.5%)

Jim Mitchell said that “the bowhunters shot themselves in the foot supporting the OBR” and he was right.

Firearm (Shotgun and MZ) Buck Kills

1999 – 37,075

2000 – 33,500

2001 – 36,082

Pre OBR Average- 35,552

2002 – 39,560

2003 – 46,488

2004 - 43,107

2005 – 43,393

2006 – 39,438

2007 – 39,394

2008 – 41,431

2009 – 42,596

2010 – 43,057

Post OBR Average – 42,052

Difference – Plus 6,500 (+ 18.2%)

Jim Mitchell also said that the OBR would only transfer some of the early archery harvest to later firearm and muzzleloader seasons. Looking at the harvest data I would say that he was right again.

We are killing more bucks under the one-buck rule that we did under the two-buck rule. Where are the “buck savings”?

Personally I believe that the second buck tags (either as a trial or an Earn A Buck) will help on the control of antlerless deer as the successful early archery buck hunters would have a better reason to get back out there in the firearm season, where they could take more antlerless deer at the same time. One can not kill deer sitting on the couch at home.

Throw in the Earn a Buck on the second buck and that would further entice one to go harvest more antlerless deer.

The purchase of the second buck tag would also help make up any monetary shortfalls the IDNR might be experiencing.

I would ask that the DNR Fish and Wildlife and the NRC that in order to really evaluate the OBR that we do return to a 2 to 3 year two buck trial period so that Chad Stewart, our Indiana deer biologist, can ascertain for certain whether the opportunities that we are giving up is worth any possible gain in age from an OBR.

Let’s make the resource decisions on good deer biology and not on social whims.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Clarence H. Williams

Newburgh , IN

Time stamp 01/22/2012 06:16:50 AM

Commentor Name terry estes

Commentor County 60

Commentor State IN

Commentor City paragon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment in your report about the one buck rule the results hasnt made any difference with the one buck rule the report also said that dnr or state is thinking about bring two buck back to indiana i think the two buck rule should be reinstated back to indiana period with no shoot a doe first or anything in that matter just bring it back and yes i agree the bowhunters only was they surprised about making this a trophy deer state indiana has always been a trophy state you just have to be in right place at right time so please bring back the two buck rule extra tags means extra revenue for indiana thank you for listening to me

terry

Time stamp 01/22/2012 08:46:17 AM

Commentor Name josh dillhoff

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City brookville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am not in favor of the obr. I think that now that people realize if they pass young deer that they may have a chance at a trophy. i think it was good for 5 years to open peoples eyes but i think they should bring back the 2 buck rule now look at illinois and iowa 2 of the top trophy states and residents can take 2 bucks.

Time stamp 01/22/2012 09:59:08 AM

Commentor Name Jason Wilmes

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Washington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think it's a good management idea to shoot only one buck but as far as getting people to come out of state to hunt I think the tourism to come to this state and hunt will eventually start declining. The public hunting land is so crowded already that I am considering not hunting in Indiana at all because of all the people I saw this season. On the other hand if out of state hunters decline that would make my chances go up. I actually saw more bucks than doe's all year. I only saw 3 doe's all year and probably around 12 bucks. So for where I hunt it would appear to have more bucks.

Time stamp 01/22/2012 10:05:22 AM

Commentor Name chad

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment please support making this a permanent rule. this rule gives everyone a choice to shoot a small or large buck. there's no doubt this has made a difference in the age class of bucks.

Time stamp 01/22/2012 11:29:49 AM

Commentor Name Greg Spurgeon

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rosedale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the permanent extension of the "One Buck Rule". The harvest data

indicates that since the rule was enacted, more of our Indiana bucks are being allowed to mature. It is difficult to argue with the results. At the same time, our total deer harvest has continued to increase, which debunks any notion that the OBR curbs hunter participation.
Time stamp 01/22/2012 12:03:58 PM

Commentor Name Tim Loe
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fort Wayne
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I strongly support the "One Buck Rule" and would like to see it be made permanent. The quality of our deer herd has increased dramatically since it's inception.
Time stamp 01/22/2012 01:31:58 PM

Commentor Name Joshua Schmitt
Commentor County 54
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Crawfordsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The one-buck rule has been an important tool in helping the Indiana Deer herd. The age structure has improved dramatically in my hunting area of Dubois Co.

Please make this permanent.
Time stamp 01/22/2012 02:50:28 PM

Commentor Name Jack Cain
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Hoagland
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The one buck rule is the best thing that ever happened to Indiana deer hunting. Please keep it in place. I see better and bigger bucks every season since the rule came into affect.
Time stamp 01/22/2012 05:17:54 PM

Commentor Name Melinda Antrup
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fremont
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The one buck rule is great! Would like to see it stay in place!
Time stamp 01/22/2012 08:48:35 PM

Commentor Name Richard Hensell
Commentor County 18
Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I'm in favor of the (2) buck / (Earn A Buck) change, to the current Indiana hunting (1) buck only regulation.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 02:15:10 AM

Commentor Name Clifton Elston
Commentor County 69
Commentor State IN
Commentor City batesville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I feel the one buck rule helps the over all deer population, by letting the the breeding bucks be older. This rule has also helped with bigger antlered deer for our state. I would also like to see less doe tags issued, that would also help the deer herd. With alot of deer dying in the last couple years from sickness and the abundant doe tags the combination has had a great impact on our deer numbers.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 03:19:18 AM

Commentor Name Tylan Miller
Commentor County 20
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Osceola
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am a 100% supporter of the one buck rule here in Indiana and 100% opposed to ever doing a earn-a-buck (EAB) tag. EAB has been proven unsuccessful everywhere it's been implemented and increases the harvesting of immature and yearling does...which is not good for the whitetail herd in general. If the state ever goes to a 2 buck rule again I feel some kind of antler restriction must be enforced atleast on the second tag. Whether that be 2 or 3 point minimum on one side it must be considered. This will allow Indiana hunters to harvest that "coveted" second buck but not allow the mass harvest of nothing but yearling bucks as the restriction would atleast encourage yearlings to make it to atleast year 2 of their lives.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 09:29:12 AM

Commentor Name Derek Craig
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Ashley
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I have been a supporter of Indiana's One Buck Rule (OBR) since the first season it was implemented. I personally believe that it has improved the quality and age structure of the whitetail bucks in the areas that I and friends hunt. I am in full support of OBR being extended indefinitely.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 10:30:57 AM

Commentor Name Hugh Nantz
Commentor County 88
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Salem
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please keep the OBR as it has been for the previous 10 seasons. I have seen a dramatic increase in buck numbers and quality. It also helps to encourage antlerless harvest.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 12:25:28 PM

Commentor Name Herbert P. Sherlin, Jr.
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State NC
Commentor City Hayesville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think that the OBR is not accomplishing the intended purpose of getting a structured deer herd at the population levels desired by the state of Indiana. I have deer hunted in Indiana for 15 years now.
Many inferior bucks are not taken due to hunters holding out for the "big one". These inferior bucks breed and their offspring do not get the better genetics. It has been found by other states that a two buck limit does not hurt the caliber of deer in the states herd. Mostly those in favor of a OBR are those that are "trophy" hunters and jealous someone else will kill a deer that "might" "someday" grow to a "monster". Many aspects are needed for this to happen. The earn a buck would not be a bad idea for the 2nd buck but better than that would be to allow a 2nd buck at any time during any of the seasons.
Thanks for the opportunity to give my opinion.
Time stamp 01/23/2012 05:49:53 PM

Commentor Name Stephen Horton
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lapel
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment OBR is the best thing Indiana has done for Deer hunting
Time stamp 01/24/2012 12:40:34 AM

Commentor Name gregory eley
Commentor County 27
Commentor State IN
Commentor City marion
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I support continuation of the one buck rule with a manadatory review/evaluation every five years.
Time stamp 01/24/2012 05:25:06 AM

Commentor Name Tylan Miller
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Osceola
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to add that changing the buck rule is one thing, but the real and best way that we could encourage a more mature buck population in Indiana would be to move the blasting season (gun season) off the rut...look into other states and you'll see where this is practiced success follows. It is udderly naive to believe telling hunters how many bucks they can kill is going to make that big of a difference (and I'm even a huge supporter of the OBR)!

Here in Indiana our buck population is decimated by firearms season primarily because anybody can grab a gun, throw on an orange cap and get lucky with a buck during the rut...it's time Indiana thinks smarter for the deer and not so much for the small percentage of hunters who only gun hunt on opening day of firearms season!
Time stamp 01/24/2012 07:15:33 AM

Commentor Name Seth Little
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Crown Point
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I'm in favor of keeping the one buck amendment. I also believe it should be implemented in urban zones as well - we shouldn't be able to kill more than one buck in urban zones. it will only encourage antler hunters to seek out bucks in urban zones (after "bucking out" elsewhere) rather than focusing on does (I don't believe bucks influence population like does do).
Time stamp 01/24/2012 07:18:36 AM

Commentor Name Robert Magiera
Commentor County 53
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bloomington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of making the one buck rule permanent.
Time stamp 01/24/2012 10:01:31 AM

Commentor Name Jason McClain
Commentor County 17
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Spencerville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am not in favor of the 1 buck rule, I would like to be able to harvest 1 buck

with my bow and 1 buck with my firearm.

Time stamp 01/24/2012 11:04:59 AM

Commentor Name Larry Burton

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Loogootee

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like the OBR to stay in place permanetly.

Time stamp 01/24/2012 11:09:28 AM

Commentor Name Eli Eccles

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ellettsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see Indiana go back to the two-buck rule as a trial to see if the state truly has benefited from the one-buck rule or if the growth of the bucks is just the natural growth of the herd.

It seems to me that the earn a second buck approach is the best way to handle things. Allowing someone to take a buck in early archery and then taking a buck during firearms/muzzle loader season, as long as they take an antlerless deer before the second buck, would benefit the state deer biologists as well as bring in some extra money for the DNR. It would also accomplish a goal of the DNR in that the earn a buck would help control the population of antlerless deer.

Time stamp 01/24/2012 11:43:27 AM

Commentor Name Doug Baker

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the one buck rule. I know Woody Williams is pushing for a two buck rule to boost his own ego but don't let the majority not be heard!!

Time stamp 01/24/2012 02:26:47 PM

Commentor Name James Kelly Jr

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the one buck rule. I have been seeing more and bigger bucks every year. While I cannot say that it is because of the one buck rule, I feel like things are better, so why change it.

<p>Time stamp 01/24/2012 05:41:29 PM</p> <p>Commentor Name Eric S. Williams Commentor County 41 Commentor State IN Commentor City Whiteland Commentor Organization NRA Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The one-buck-rule needs to be made permanent, it has been an effective management tool. I am for keeping it as long as possible. Time stamp 01/25/2012 06:42:30 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name tyler bond Commentor County 69 Commentor State IN Commentor City versailles Commentor Organization none Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Leave OBR as in. Time stamp 01/25/2012 07:33:48 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name mike meisberger Commentor County 78 Commentor State IN Commentor City rising sun Commentor Organization none Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Firmly suppoet OBR. Please leave as is. Time stamp 01/25/2012 07:35:08 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Tom Booker Commentor County 32 Commentor State IN Commentor City Brownsburg Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I am in favor of making the one buck rule permanent. Time stamp 01/25/2012 07:44:54 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Jonathan Nolting Commentor County 3 Commentor State IN Commentor City Elizabethtown Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please keep the 1 buck rule in place; or bring it back after doing a 3 year study with a 2 buck rule. There just aren't enough trophy deer in Indiana to support a 2 buck allowance. I fear it will only have lasting negative impacts on Indiana's Whitetail population to institute a 2 buck rule. Sincerely, Jon Nolting Time stamp 01/25/2012 08:54:14 AM</p>

Commentor Name Brian Parkinson

Commentor County 65

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mt. Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of a trial period for the 2 buck limit on a lottery type basis as well as land owners being allowed the additional archery buck. Limit the tags by a lottery draw to control the number of additional bucks "potentially" taken. Also, as a tax paying landowner if the trial is adopted I feel the landowners should be automatically allowed the additional buck without going thru the lottery draw. I also feel that only 1 buck should be allowed on state properties.

Time stamp 01/25/2012 09:59:01 AM

Commentor Name Mary Dian Williams

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Denver

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment OBR needs to stay. There is no reason to shoot two bucks except for greed. Since the number of people who would go for 2 bucks is so low, let them go to other states which they already do. Public land is too small in amount to allow two bucks. My family will continue to shoot one buck per year if we even get one.

Instead we need to open up the urban areas, those areas are seeing a population explosion, if someone wants 2 bucks then hunt urban zones. For example, Logansport, in Cass county I almost hit a deer beside the Home Depot, what are the deer doing there in TOWN?!

Time stamp 01/25/2012 03:03:26 PM

Commentor Name jack corpuz

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the one buck rule as is.

Time stamp 01/25/2012 05:52:51 PM

Commentor Name Shane Goodman

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Love the OBR, and hope it is here to stay!!! I have enjoyed more and bigger bucks in the last 7yrs. than I did in the previous 21yrs. Please do not change the one rule that is working!!!

Time stamp 01/25/2012 07:03:14 PM

Commentor Name Greg Yazel
Commentor County 70
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Greensburg
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment If Indiana wants to continue the assault on the antlerless deer, as it has indicated by the past rule changes, then continuing the one (1) buck rule only makes sense. By going back to a two buck rule, the past published statistics show the antlerless harvest would decrease.
Time stamp 01/25/2012 07:19:47 PM

Commentor Name Russ Sonaty
Commentor County 56
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fair Oaks
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Continue the one buck rule, it has been the best decision Indiana has made in regards to Quality Deer Management.
Time stamp 01/25/2012 09:08:46 PM

Commentor Name Roger Sellers
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Silver Lake
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am against the idea of reverting back to the ability to kill more than one buck. OBR all the way.
Time stamp 01/26/2012 02:27:43 AM

Commentor Name John Deem
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fremont
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think we should go back to at least a 3 year trial period of the two buck limit so data can be compared by our deer biologist. Once that information is reviewed a better decision can be made as a permant rule of the the buck bag limit.

Comment I do not think many people fill both buck tags, so this restriction that only affects the bow and gun hunter will not make a difference in our age structure.
Time stamp 01/26/2012 03:57:23 AM

Commentor Name Scott Werstler
Commentor County 92
Commentor State IN

Commentor City Larwill
 Commentor Organization none
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I would like to support the "one buck rule" I feel it has helped the quality of buck hunting in Indiana. As a measurer for the Indiana record book as well as Boone & Crockett and Pope & Young I have seen first hand the results of this rule and have been blessed with seeing the smiles on many peoples faces from the benefits of this rule. Please keep the one buck rule and make it permanent!
 Time stamp 01/26/2012 03:59:42 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Gray
 Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City kendallville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Please keep the OBR in tack as is. Indiana hunters are seeing more mature bucks on average and I for one would like to see it continue. I believe we can now see what Indiana can produce with a higher age structure due in part to less harvesting of younger bucks. Indiana is now a trophy state but removing the OBR will ruin that. Please visit the various hunting forums for data all across Indiana.
 Time stamp 01/26/2012 05:00:34 AM

Commentor Name Solomon Pohler
 Commentor County 35
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Huntington
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I want the OBR to be permanent.....I support the one buck rule

 thanks
 Time stamp 01/26/2012 05:12:52 AM

Commentor Name Brian Bender
 Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Indianapolis
 Commentor Organization Deer Hunter
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment The OBR is a great thing to have and it needs to stay. I feel it gives more people a oppurtunity to tag a buck and if people want another deer or so then that is where doe tags come in place or they need to put in for special draw hunts.

 Thanks for listening, Brian
 Time stamp 01/27/2012 02:13:03 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Ault
 Commentor County 8

<p> Commentor State IN Commentor City Delphi Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment There is absolutely no way anyone can argue that the OBR hasn't increased the number of mature bucks in Indiana. I am an avid trophy hunter, and the number of trophy buck sightings between pre-OBR and post-OBR are astounding. I love our whitetail herd, and I am a staunch supporter of the OBR. I also believe that we can manage our overall herd numbers, AND at the same time promote policies that increase the life expectancy of our bucks(i.e. more incentives for farmers to use habitat programs). Now please move the start of shotgun season permanently to the Saturday before Thanksgiving!!!! Thank You for the OBR. Time stamp 01/27/2012 10:42:18 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Nathan Stenftenagel Commentor County 19 Commentor State IN Commentor City Jasper Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I have been a deer hunter since 1991. I hunt in all seasons, bow, firearm, muzzleloader. I support the one-buck-rule (OBR) and encourage the bill that eliminates the expiration of the OBR. Also, I do not support a trial run of a two buck rule to determine the effectiveness of the OBR. Time stamp 01/29/2012 05:04:30 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Scott M. Schwing Commentor County 58 Commentor State IN Commentor City Rising Sun Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please keep the one buck rule in effect. Thanks for the Tele Check System. Time stamp 01/30/2012 05:25:55 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Brian O'Neal Commentor County 15 Commentor State IN Commentor City Aurora Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think we should continue with the 1 antelared deer per year. Time stamp 01/31/2012 01:18:07 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Ronnie Bruce Commentor County 31 Commentor State IN Commentor City New Salisbury Commentor Organization </p>

<p>Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would like to see us go back to any version that allows 2 bucks, especially the earn a buck program. Time stamp 01/31/2012 05:05:52 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Melanie McClain Commentor County 17 Commentor State IN Commentor City Spencerville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I do not support the one buck rule, I support a 2 buck rule.... Time stamp 01/31/2012 07:41:47 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name James Pistello Commentor County 45 Commentor State IN Commentor City Lowell Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe the one buck rule has been beneficial and needs to be permanent. I have definitely seen improvement in the deer quality since this rule has been implemented. Time stamp 01/31/2012 08:51:47 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Jack Ryan Commentor County Out of State Commentor State IN Commentor City Mitchell Commentor Organization IDHA Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment There is no valid biological justification for this rule. Let it expire and eliminate the one buck rule. There are so many special exemptions it is useless already. The few bucks killed in archery are statistically insignificant. Time stamp 01/31/2012 11:14:37 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Jon Stahl Commentor County 36 Commentor State IN Commentor City Seymour Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment KEEP the one buck rule as permanent and set the firearms season back by at least a week. Time stamp 02/01/2012 04:45:19 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Herb Higgins Commentor County 41 Commentor State IN Commentor City Greenwood Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunter Association</p>

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the OBR. The DNR F&W has recently focused on increased deer herd reduction. This can only be successfully maintained by focus on antlerless deer harvest. In addition, by adding the opportunity for crossbow hunters to now hunt during the early season, moving back to a two buck harvest would put undo pressure on the buck population, driving down the age of the bucks, and moving focus away from the need for herd reduction potential by taking does.

Time stamp 02/01/2012 10:45:57 AM

Commentor Name Joseph Fajfer

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rockville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the one buck rule made permanent.

Time stamp 02/01/2012 11:17:55 AM

Commentor Name Steven J Neher

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntertown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel the one buck rule should be done away with. I feel the second buck should be able to be taken AFTER the hunter has harvested an antlerless deer. The second buck should be harvested with a license that was not used for the first buck.. I.E. if you take a buck during achery season you could use either a firearms or muzzleloader tag. If you take a buck in the firearms season you could then take a buck with either achery or muzzleloader tags. I do not feel this would have a negative on the deer herd. An alternative would be to issue a BUCK license good for all seasons but allow the second buck to be taken in a different season after the antlerless deer is harvested.

Time stamp 02/01/2012 05:28:03 PM

Commentor Name Todd Lynn Bricker

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pierceton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think we should keep the one buck rule, and make it a law for always ! And I feel our countys 8 doe pemits is way to high, we are not seeing half the deer numbers we did a couple years ago, lots of hunting days without even seeing a deer, if hunters are not seeing any deer here in Indiana, they will quit hunting here and quit spending all their money here in our state, will have to hunt other states, where there is game to be found.

Time stamp 02/01/2012 06:43:16 PM

Commentor Name Lisa M Bricker

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN
Commentor City Pierceton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am for the one buck rule, I like seeing and having a chance to see bigger and nicer bucks when hunting. And letting the little bucks have a chance to make it to 3.5 years old, instead of them being killed at 1.5 year olds. I also think the gun season is way to long, and should be after the breeding season, like other big buck states in the midwest.
Time stamp 02/01/2012 06:51:02 PM

Commentor Name Bret T. Walters
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Warsaw
Commentor Organization n/a
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I agree with the one buck rule. Since this has been in place, the quality of the bucks have grown immensely. This has also driven the meat hunters to take more does which helps drive down the deer population.

Pass the permanent ONE buck rule.

Thanks.

Bret T. Walters
Time stamp 02/02/2012 05:01:37 PM

Commentor Name Ken J. Schue
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Warsaw
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Keep the one buck rule. The bucks are bigger and better. The meat hunters are taking more does which helps lower the deer population.

Make the one buck rule permanent.

Thanks.

Ken Schue
Time stamp 02/02/2012 05:06:13 PM

Commentor Name Terry D Bowling
Commentor County 54
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Darlington
Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunters Association & Professional Bowhunters

Society

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep our one buck rule in place, we (all hunters) are enjoying the fruits of the one buck rule being in place and I ask that you please keep the rule in place for the future of our buck heard. I am primarily a meat hunter but even I can see the benefits from the OBR. Thank you for allowing me my input on this. Terry Bowling

Time stamp 02/03/2012 12:18:30 PM

Commentor Name Jeffrey Haynes

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Zionsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck limit should be lifted for a three year period to give our DNR people a chance to see if it significantly improved the buck harvest age. If the average age is on the increase anyway, why lose the revenue? By either allowing the language to expire or making a "earn your second buck" program I believe we should give the DNR this chance to gain this valuable research.

Time stamp 02/04/2012 05:09:10 PM

Commentor Name Dwayne Cole

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hanover

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not make a change to the one buck rule. For a true deer hunter finding a big older buck is already difficult enough. If the change is being made to help provide food for families then do something to change the rules on the number of does someone can take.

Please do not amend or change the one buck rule.

Thank you for your consideration

Dwayne Cole

Time stamp 02/05/2012 07:29:51 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Saggars

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Larwill

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck rule is a good start to producing trophy bucks in Indiana. But why are bucks being allowed to be shot on depredation permits in the late summer months? And why does Indiana not look at other surrounding states management

strategies that have succeeded for trophy bucks?

Time stamp 02/07/2012 05:26:27 PM

Commentor Name Brian Romack

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Cross Plains

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom this concerns,

I have two comments to make the first is the "one buck rule" as avid hunter in this state I have seen the quality of bucks increase as a result of this rule and now you want to go and change it back., Why because some farmer or insurance company is tired of paying out claims. Hunters spend millions of dollars in this state so why would you want to ruin a good thing. I travel to Illinois every year because of the quality of deer that is there. Indiana good be as good as Illinois or Iowa when it comes to quaility animals, it seems in this state, instead of managing the herd we are trying to wipe it out. The deer numbers are not there anymore I dont care what you say Im a hunter Im in the woods from October to December and they just arent what the used to be. Why not take advantage of the resource god but here instead of destroying it. This also applies to the adding of the crossbow during the archery season. I cant believe we let this happen, what a joke. All this does make the lazy hunter even more lazy. I take pride in being a bowhunter, I practice from April to October so when season comes I can make a clean and humane kill. I guess who's ever idea this was has never shot a crossbow, they are a joke. It really sadings me that our state gives in to lobbyist and peer pressure instead of the following the heritage that our fore fathers created and taught us what hunting really is. Thanks for your time and maybe we'll figure out what the real problems in this state are.

Time stamp 02/09/2012 08:27:40 AM

Commentor Name jeff cravens

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City columbus

Commentor Organization enr inc

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i have been deer hunting deer using archery, shot-gun, and black-powder for over 35 years. i truely miss the the days when i could harvest 2 bucks in a season. i seen just as many mature bucks then as i do now, and a whole lot more deer. we need to go back to the way it was before the obr. all my week-ends and my vacation days are used up for deer hunting.

please consider ending the obr.

thank you,

dedicated deer hunter for over 35 years.

Time stamp 02/10/2012 07:15:59 AM

Commentor Name Rodney Rudd

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment 1 buck rule should remain!
Time stamp 02/18/2012 10:37:45 AM

Commentor Name Kevin Van Arsdale
Commentor County 32
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Plainfield
Commentor Organization Self - Outdoorsman
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment We have done enough of the 1 buck study and let the trophy/antler worshiper hunters dictate the rules long enough in our great state of Indiana! I have not seen any difference in the quality or quantity of bucks on my parent's 500 acre farm in Clay County or my lease property in Parke County. It seems all we want to do anymore is make our state for trophy hunters and outfitters! I hunt with bow, gun and muzzleloader and would like to see our state go back to the 2 buck per year/ one with a bow and one with a firearm. I hunt all the special military hunts bow and gun, state park hunts, urban bow area hunts and regular season hunts, so I have more than my fair share of time to kill more than one buck in Indiana each year, but it sure would be nice to go back to the 2 buck per year-bow & firearm. I also hunt Missouri and Illinois and do a great deal with getting new hunters involved with our passion! Please bring back the 2 buck per year and do not let the trophy hunters ruin our great state of Indiana and become a state where only the rich can afford to hunt!

Thank you,
Kevin Van Arsdale
Time stamp 02/18/2012 11:36:39 AM

Commentor Name Paul Higginbotham
Commentor County 29
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Noblesville
Commentor Organization self
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am a life-time comprehensive hunting/fishing license holder and spend lot of time in the field each fall deer hunting. I recommend that IDNR re-instate the 2 buck limit (one archery and one gun) for a minimum period of 2 or 3 years to help determine if the "one buck" rule has really had an impact on the age structure of the bucks harvested by hunters. In addition to the help this will provide for statistical analysis of the data concerning "one buck" results, it will also result in additional dollars being pumped into the economy. While I understand this may not have a direct bearing on the rule making, it is a very important and realistic aspect that should not be overlooked.
Time stamp 02/18/2012 01:43:59 PM

Commentor Name Donald Elpers
Commentor County 82

<p> Commentor State IN Commentor City Evansville Commentor Organization KDG, Inc. Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The only reason I could see the need to replace the OBR would be for those trophy hunters and horn worshipers. There is no way that changing to a 2 buck season can improve the quality of the buck population in Indiana. Besides, regardless as so many want us to believe, the population of deer in Indiana is not as abundant as it was several years ago period. Time stamp 02/18/2012 06:11:46 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Aaron Martin Commentor County 49 Commentor State IN Commentor City Indianapolis Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I am opposed to extending the one buck rule! Deer are badly overpopulated in some parts of the state, but not all parts. Why not make the number of bucks allowed specific to each county, as the bonus antlerless tags are now? Time stamp 02/19/2012 02:48:15 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Byron Keith Clark Commentor County 78 Commentor State IN Commentor City Patriot Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Ammend the rule so that every 3-5 years a hunter can harvest two bucks, one during archer and one with a firearm. Then, go back to one buck rule for 3-5 years then repeat two buck rule for a single season. Time stamp 02/19/2012 07:14:41 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Michael N. Rasmussen Commentor County 52 Commentor State IN Commentor City Macy Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe that the one buck rule should be allowed to expire, thus taking pressure off of the bucks. This is better for herd health due to more mature deer being taken. Over the last three seasons i have had the chance to take more bucks than does, so please let the One Buck Rule expire. Time stamp 02/19/2012 09:05:25 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Dewayne Gilbert </p>

Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Allowing us to harvest more than one buck a year will not hurt the deer herd. What hurts the deer herd is all the doe permits issued out. Way to many deer are harvested and alot our button bucks. If any thing they should put an antler resistriction on them and drop the one buck rule.
Time stamp 02/20/2012 04:30:57 AM

Commentor Name Robert M Clarke
Commentor County 14
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Washington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment This is a good rule...One Buck...the benefits out weigh the negatives.
Time stamp 02/20/2012 05:32:54 AM

Commentor Name Bob Houseworth Jr.
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment OBR has grossly overran it's course of what was supposed to be a "politically motivated" 3 yr. trial to supposedly provide a mature buck behind every tree. It's not happened in my neck of the woods, so it's time to dump the OBR & move back to a TBR to see what, if anything has been accomplished.
Time stamp 02/20/2012 07:35:23 AM

Commentor Name david Hartman
Commentor County 1
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Decatur
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I wish we could / would leave this alone if a few guys need to kill 2 bucks a year to fill like there the big bad hunter let them hunt the park hunts and the likes heck if you worked at it I bet you could kill 4 or 5 bucks if you hunted all the ways you can. Almost everybody I know say's they have not seen as many deer the last few years as there were before I have no proof of this but they are as hard core as I am and I do spend every day I can from Oct To Jan hunting so myself I tend to believe them as i fill the same.
Time stamp 02/21/2012 10:03:29 AM

Commentor Name Clarence H. Williams
Commentor County 87
Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh
Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The DNR says it is not in the business of managing the herd for trophy bucks, but there should be no doubt that a restriction on the number of bucks taken is at least an attempt to lessen the buck kill and quite possibly grow “trophy bucks”. Due to the bonus tag system we can legally kill close to 500 antlerless deer, but we can only tag one buck. If the DNR truly believes that they are not managing for trophies then there is something is not quite right in that ratio.

In 2002 the Indiana deer hunters were blindsided by a One Buck Trial that was pushed through by two small hunting groups that participated in the Indianapolis NRC meetings that very few Indiana deer hunters even knew about.

The original OBR trial was a shoot from the hip answer to two groups that petitioned the DNR. These two groups had representatives at every NRC and DNR meeting that they could. Back then the administrative rules process was basically a couple meetings in which these groups and a few of their members showed up and a lot of times got their way. The NRC did not have in place any method to collect hunter input except letters or personal appearance at the meetings in Indianapolis. The very best thing that the DNR and NRC did was to put in place an online method of collecting hunter input.

This OBR got its start from an individual who said he was tired of his neighbors killing two yearling bucks. His hunting group was for the OBR.

The bowhunter group conducted a survey of their members and received very few responses. I've been told it was less than 30 out of over 300 members. Of that 30 there was a very slight preference for the OBR.

With the “backing” of these two groups Jim Mitchell OKed the OBR as he said it would not make any difference in the herd as it was a "social issue" and that "the bowhunters shot themselves in the foot on the OBR". Of course for the person and others pushing this trial it was ALL about growing trophy bucks, so it really was biological and not social.

So it appears that a very slight majority of 30 members of the bowhunter group allowed the original OBR trial to come into effect.

When the OBR was to be discussed again 5 years later the bowhunter group conducted another survey and again did not receive enough responses to make it what the officers at that time considered a valid survey either way so they took a "no position". If that group had taken that position the first survey, and they should have, then we would not have the OBR trial at all.

When the OBR came up again in 2007 Kyle Hupfer didn't think he could get a valid decision in time so he just took the easy way out and extended it for another five years.

By the way, the original pusher of the OBR said that “the OBR came about at an opportune time”.

There is no doubt that in the last 9 years deer hunting has improved in Indiana AS WELL AS ALL OTHER STATES. Some Pro-OBR guys automatically assign the credit to the OBR even though other multi-buck limit states have achieved as good, if not better, results.

The harvest data pretty well proves that we are not “saving bucks” as the original proponents said it would. We are killing 5,500 more antlered deer than we did during the two buck limit days. That 5,500 number is just about the number that Jim Mitchell said was “double dipping”. Where is the buck savings?

Early Archery Antlered Kills...

1993 – 8,726
 1994 – 8,231
 1995 – 10,353
 1996 – 9,567
 1997 – 8,777
 1998 – 8,292
 1999 - 9,067
 2000 - 10,935
 2001 - 12,016

Pre-OBR Average – 9,552 (notice the nice trend upwards the last 4 years?)

2002 - 7,397 (DROPPED 4,619 the first year)
 2003 - 9,084
 2004 - 7,985
 2005 - 8,845
 2006 - 9,390
 2007 - 9,715
 2008 - 9,193
 2009 –10,076
 2010 – 8,930

Post OBR Average - 8,957

Difference – minus 595 (- 6.2%)

Firearm (Shotgun and MZ) Antlered Deer Kills

1993 - 35,459
 1994 - 42,304
 1995 - 36,591
 1996 - 37,531
 1997 - 33,574
 1998 - 36,482
 1999 - 37,075
 2000 - 33,500
 2001 - 36,082

Pre OBR Average- 36,519

2002 - 39,560
 2003 - 46,488 (an Increase of over 10,000 from 2001)
 2004 - 43,107
 2005 - 43,393
 2006 - 39,438
 2007 - 39,394
 2008 - 41,431
 2009 - 42,596
 2010 - 43,057

Post OBR Average - 42,052

Difference - Plus 5,533 (+ 15.2%)

The OBR has been a constant debate among Indiana deer hunters, both in person and on the Indiana hunting forums. Both sides claim that they are right and the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle. Lets decide for sure.

No doubt it will be forever a source of debate without valid biological data from the Indiana DNR Deer Biologist. That is why I am asking for the NRC and DNR to consider allowing the OBR to sunset and institute a short modern day two buck trial with a chips fall where they may answer from the DNR Deer Biologist. I would trust his findings 100%. This is NOT a "social issue" and should not be decided by which side gets the most "votes". Especially when a large percentage of the "voters" have absolutely nothing to lose staying with a one buck limit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Clarence H. Williams
 Newburgh, In
 Time stamp 03/09/2012 08:21:46 AM

Commentor Name Donald Scott Imel
 Commentor County 39
 Commentor State IN

Commentor City Madison
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I personally think that the obr should be allowed to expire to allow biologists to accurately judge the effects of the obr. A three year trial period should give adequate data to make an informed decision on the obr's effectiveness.
 Time stamp 03/12/2012 06:31:06 AM

Commentor Name Jason L Montgomery
 Commentor County 65
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Evansville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment We definately need to bring back the TWO bucks rule. I'm sure the DNR could use the extra revenue. If anything, at the very least a 3-5 year "trial" run on the two buck seasons again. I'd think sticking to the OBR goes against the idea, that the DNR wants to reduce the herd.

 Thanks
 Time stamp 03/30/2012 10:30:50 PM

Commentor Name Jeff Valovich
 Commentor County 64
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Chesterton
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I believe the OBR is beneficial and I want it to stay. With the new reg's more pressure will be put on the deer herds, esp Does and I expect the overall yearly harvest will drop even more in future years as did my County (Porter), which was down 233 deer from 2010. With Porter co. now being a "Urban" county and with a longer archery season, 2 bucks can now be taken....Porter Co. cant handle another buck killed(3 total)....overall deer numbers are down around here and has been noticed by hunters.....I understand the want for reductions and support them fully where needed, however, I believe we here in Porter Co. are already seeing massive herd reductions....
 Time stamp 03/31/2012 06:55:34 AM

Commentor Name Dian Williams
 Commentor County 52
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Denver
 Commentor Organization none
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I still support the OBR. To me it is about moderation over greed for antlers. The deer herd in many parts of Indiana have peaked due to habitat loss. (Miami County for example where I live) Those wanting to shoot 2 bucks are obsessed with the popular hunting shows and are not interested in conservation. I will only shoot one buck even if the

rule changes.

However, I would support the DNR, NRC looking at each individual county's deer numbers instead of a statewide obr, because it is possible there are counties that would benefit from shooting two bucks.

And please start charging a reasonable amount for out-of-state hunters, \$150 is not enough. Many other states charge twice that.

Time stamp 03/31/2012 11:10:04 AM

Commentor Name Fred Dorman

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Who is behind the one buck rule? You must of asked only a small portion of select groups of Indiana Deer hunters. If you asked all of the Indiana deer hunters the vast majority would want the two buck rule, one in the archery season, and one in the firearm season.

Most other states have the two buck rule, and it works for them.

Fred

Time stamp 04/01/2012 09:01:27 AM

Commentor Name Rick Tryon

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rosedale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am for keeping the one buck rule.

Time stamp 04/01/2012 01:57:34 PM

Commentor Name John Kevin Haendiges

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do NOT allow the One Buck Rule to continue, please discontinue this useless rule and return us to the Two Buck rule.

Time stamp 04/01/2012 02:41:35 PM

Commentor Name Steve Reid

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Argos

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a lifetime comprehensive hunting license holder since 87 I would like to vote

for a 2 buck rule if I am allowed.

NOT ONCE, if my memory serves did I ever **TAKE** two bucks when we could **BUT.....I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY** to hunt for the second one, letting most **PASS** since I already **HAD** one. Im willing to wager that records show that **97 percent** of the hunting public continued to hunt that second buck without actually taking one.

Stillthe time was there and even today, so many wont hunt does still believing that it "hurts the herd" and many feel the downswing of the herd is already at hand, not because of hunting alone but coyotes and the **EVER** dwindling habitat. Year after year more and more ground is cleared. Step up Indiana.....put a stop to the habitate distruction but allow hunters.....to hunt, the full season.

God Bless

Steve

Time stamp 04/01/2012 03:16:58 PM

Commentor Name Mathew R. O'Rourke

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe this rule needs to be a permanant law. Indiana is just starting to see the benefits of this rule. I would propose taking it a step further and limit taking an antlered deer only legal every other year (bi yearly) this would ensure Indiana antlered deer actually become mature while in the off years managing doe populations.

Time stamp 04/01/2012 04:14:31 PM

Commentor Name Paul Alan Schoeff

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Sheridan

Commentor Organization representing myself

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear NRC,

Concerning the proposed amendment to the sunset clause of the "one buck rule" (OBR), I write to you to **OPPOSE** this amendment. A check of your records will show my personal appearance at several of the original public meetings that were held when this OBR was implemented. You will find that I opposed that measure as unnecessary and unscientific.

The clause of the rule that provided for the sunset of the rule was a measure that was implemented to placate the opposition. Now, it would seem that those who pushed to have the rule implemented would like to further their agenda of having the State be their trophy buck management team.

Without a fair and equal assessment of the state of deer hunting in Indiana before, during

AND AFTER the OBR's implementation you will have essentially bowed to the pandering of a few vocal elitists who have manipulated government of the masses for the benefit of the few.

Please do not accept or support this amendment to remove the expiration of the OBR.

Sincerely,

Paul Alan Schoeff

Time stamp 04/01/2012 06:45:02 PM

Commentor Name Ron Weir

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Scottsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor in making the one buck rule permanent. Taking two bucks does not alleviate the deer population issue that the state is attempting to alleviate. It just means that less does will be taken and that is where the population is controlled.

Time stamp 04/01/2012 06:50:01 PM

Commentor Name Richard T Lowe

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have read reports that read that the one buck rule is not actually doing what its intended design was which is to grow bigger racked bucks. Why keep doing something that's not working? Dump the one buck rule and try antler restriction or something else especially if the one buck rule isnt working. Base our decisions on actual science and data and not "majority rules".

Time stamp 04/02/2012 02:48:34 AM

Commentor Name Dewayne Gilbert

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I purpose we remove the one buck rule and allow a buck to be harvested during archery and Firearms season.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 03:35:26 AM

Commentor Name Jonathan Nolting

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Elizabethtown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In regards to the proposal of doing a 3-year two-buck harvest study (or any type of 2-buck study), I feel it would be damaging to our local deer herd in my hunting area. There are not enough mature bucks to allow hunters to harvest more than one and I feel we would see a lasting negative effect on our deer.

Thanks,

Jon Nolting

Time stamp 04/02/2012 05:01:36 AM

Commentor Name Travis McEowen

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbia City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the One Buck Rule intact. The percentage of mature bucks in my hunting area has definitely increased since the rule has been implemented. I have trail cam photos and detailed hunting logs from the past 15 seasons to support my claim. I believe the OBR has accomplished exactly what it was intended to accomplish and its continued enforcement will only serve to improve buck hunting in Indiana. If a hunter truly needs to take two bucks in a season, I think an "earn a buck" approach would be more appropriate. That way, a second buck would only be taken if they still need the meat after having taken one buck and a doe.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 05:41:43 AM

Commentor Name Joel Nute

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think we should allow at least 2 bucks per year. Hunters would be much more likely to take a smaller weaker deer that either has poor genetics or something wrong with it (hurt, low weight, etc...) if they were allowed more than one. I know that I myself have passed on smaller bucks that I would have taken to get them out of the herd, but since only 1 buck, I am looking for a nice one. I do not only look for antlers though, I also doe hunt.

Last year, I ended up seeing more bucks than I did does. I passed on all but the last buck I saw. I really think that you could make more money with an additional tag for a second (or more) buck.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 06:05:43 AM

Commentor Name james pistello

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lowell

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I prefer to leave the current "One Buck Rule" in place as I have seen a dramatic increase in deer quality since it has been in effect. The area I hunt can't take the pressure of hunters harvesting a second buck. This would encourage hunters to harvest a lesser buck just to fill a tag instead of leaving the lesser buck to develop. Please leave the "One Buck Rule" in effect.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 06:40:22 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Martin

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that a comprehensive, 3-year study and two-buck trial should be conducted, to accurately determine what effect this rule has on the deer population.

I think it would be impossible to make a sound, reasonable decision on the management of the resource without such a study.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 07:54:30 AM

Commentor Name Jason McClain

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City spencerville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the state go back to a 2 buck rule, I have never been in favor of the 1 buck rule.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 08:19:25 AM

Commentor Name BARRY E STILTNER

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City HARTFORD CITY

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Didn't like the rule when it was installed and see no reason to have it extended. have seen no more bucks on the property that I hunt than I did before the rule was started. I manage the deer on the farm I hunt and need no help from the DNR.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 08:37:07 AM

Commentor Name Matt Thrasher

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Yorktown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule needs to stay in place. There is no need for this rule to be

changed. Hunters are being more selective in the bucks that they are harvesting that in turn let's immature bucks grow into the mature trophy bucks that most hunters are after. I could see if our bucks here in Indiana were like all the bucks in Iowa, Kansas or other trophy Midwest states but our trophy buck potential does not compare to those states right now. Keep the one buck rule in place so that our kids & there kids will have nice bucks to harvest once they get up to the age to go hunting.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 10:13:54 AM

Commentor Name Tell Howson

Commentor County 77

Commentor State IN

Commentor City merom

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I grew up hunting under the two buck rule and I have never agreed with one buck rule. I am not for or against trophy hunters, but I am against the state changing regulations in favor of trophy hunters. You will not find people who are recreational or meat hunters in favor of obr.

Time stamp 04/02/2012 11:09:25 AM

Commentor Name David F. Delaney

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule should be a permanent rule and any language revisions needed to make it so should be made. There is no reason to go away from the one buck rule, it enhances the will of hunters to take does and if we go back to more than one buck, the doe harvest will go down and legislators will cause more trouble. Revise the language to make one buck permanent.

Dave Delaney

Time stamp 04/02/2012 01:19:10 PM

Commentor Name Calvin E Hunt

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization Wildcat Creek DEER hunters.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not like this rules intent at all . We took the Questioner and the majority want to return to the 2 buck rule in either a EAB format or for the 3 year trial that is need to confirm just how effective or if the OBR is in any way causing the age of bucks being taken in our state to raise the slight amount it raised over the last 10 years.

Also you are screaming to get more hunters involved in the control of deer and how a nuisance they are but you have seemed to forget that what draws your most successful

hunters out year after year is the fact that they can hunt bucks as they glean some does from the herd . This rule smells of a small good old buddy clubs influence and the desire for the DNR to get into the nation wide big buck craze while fishing for out of state monies to pour in.

This will kill the hunting here over time . To know the science is factual you must return to the 2 buck rule for 3 -5 years and then let your biologist decide not some money hungry bureaucrats who are not the paid State deer /game Biologist .

Let Chad Stewart Do his job .Let the OBR sunset and move along and get more and better hunters into the woods who will take does while hunting for their second buck .Then glean some biological facts an real buck numbers for comparison from what was supposed to be a 5 year trial and then another 5 year trial because the first 5 years did not produce the results that some at the top in the DNR and a couple of clubs wanted here in our state .

Remember the OBR survey you paid all that tax payer money on ? The tax payers have spoken yes we support the OBR but we also want the data from the 3 year or return of the TBR under EAB to get out there as well . Now honor the majority of hunters who want a return at least for a bit to the 2 buck rule. Keep money ,politics and cronyism out of this .
Time stamp 04/02/2012 03:36:26 PM

Commentor Name George Pate

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the current one-buck rule and would like to see it continued.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:45:26 AM

Commentor Name Michael Lamberg

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel the one buck rule should remain in effect. The bucks are larger and allows the Indiana deer herds to become stronger.

If the rule would change, I would suggest one buck during bow season and one buck in firearms season. One buck for each season during a year.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:45:46 AM

Commentor Name Daron Norris

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mentone

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule has provided indiana with exceptional hunting opportunitys. Although, I'd love to shoot more big bucks I think the rule is exceptionally important to keep hunting at the high level. It would be nice to see a rule that allows an extra tag for managment bucks. Those that are missing the genetics to become big antlered bucks. Therefore I propose every 3 years a managment year that will allow hunteres to take 2 bucks but only one can be greater than 8 points.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:47:03 AM

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Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mentone

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mentone

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:47:08 AM

Commentor Name Nathan Wyse

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Middlebury

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please continue with the 1 buck per hunter law. This law is a winner and helps to produce bigger bucks, which is a bonus to all hunters. Also, it would be much appreciated if you would decrease the number of does a hunter can take. At least in Elkhart county!

The heard numbers are down. Help!!!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:47:09 AM

Commentor Name Robert O.Monn

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lebanon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support modifying the "one buck" to allow one buck to be taken using archery equipment and one buck to be taken with any firearm. On the properties I hunt the buck to doe ratio is extremely high and the one buck rule does not allow the ability to control the buck population sufficiently.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:47:33 AM

Commentor Name Ray L Horine

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Borden

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Since the one buck rule has been established, the quality of the Buck population is getting better and better. I am seeing quality Bucks where as prior to the one buck rule the quality and age class was much lower. I am TOTALLY FOR keeping the one buck rule for Indiana

Thanks

Ray

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:49:32 AM

Commentor Name Tim Loe

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule forever. Thank you for listening.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:49:43 AM

Commentor Name Gary Wayne Voyles

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Sellersburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the one buck rule in effect. This law has enabled more buck to grow to maturity and reach their full potential in antler growth. Indiana has great genetics and good, sound regulations related to deer havest.

Thank you

G. Wyne Voyles

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:50:42 AM

Commentor Name Steven M Reed

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please retain the current law of being able to take only one antlered deer per year. I believe this has increased the number of trophy bucks available. This rule along with the rule of being able to take more than one un-antlered deer also greatly reduces the size of the deer herd.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:51:20 AM

Commentor Name perry hart

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City avilla

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i feel the one deer rule is working. I say keep it.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:55:49 AM

Commentor Name Arnie Howes, Jr

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Princeton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the one-buck rule! If someone wants additional deer, there are plenty of antlerless options open to them. Not only does the one-buck rule cause an increase in the quality of available bucks, but it gives those that do not have limitless time to hunt a chance to bag a big one.

That is what gets many hunters out into the woods. A chance to see or get a really big one. I remember the days before the rule when I KNEW there were very, very few big ones out there and it was discouraging to say the least...

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:55:50 AM

Commentor Name Ronald H Snyder

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Georgetown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the one buck rule stay in effect. I believe this has produced more mature bucks in this part of the state.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:56:04 AM

Commentor Name Carl Park

Commentor County 57

<p>Commentor State IN Commentor City Churubusco Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I feel that a hunter should be able to take one buck for archery and one buck for firearms seasons. Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:56:36 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Adam Phelps Commentor County 47 Commentor State IN Commentor City Bedford Commentor Organization N/A Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Of COURSE the one buck rule should be continued. Killing males does not contribute to population control.</p> <p>However, I also think a hunter should be able to use a buck license to take a button buck, if s/he so chooses (but should not have to)--that is, a button buck should be legal under a buck or antlerless license. Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:57:05 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name gary s allen Commentor County 14 Commentor State IN Commentor City crane Commentor Organization n/a Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would just like to say I'm in favor of the one buck rule at lease for now until the time comes where u r seeing big bucks all the time I feel like there are our deer heard need more growing time. Thgank you Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:58:37 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Kelly Schurr Commentor County 76 Commentor State IN Commentor City Hudson Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please continue the one buck rule. I have hunted deer for 30 years in Indiana and this has made a dramatic difference in the size of antlers seen on bucks. Although I am not a trophy hunter, seeing and occasionally killing a buck with a big rack is very cool!</p> <p>Thanks Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:59:31 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name david guilford Commentor County 49 Commentor State IN</p>

Commentor City indianapolis
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I am strongly in favor of keeping this rule in place.
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:59:36 AM

Commentor Name Daniel L. Harmanm
 Commentor County 71
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City South Bend
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think Indiana residents should be allowed to take 2 deer with one license whether it be archrey, firearm, or muzzleloader. The 2 deer can be either one buck, one doe, or two bucks, or two does.

Thank You,
 Daniel L. Harman
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:00:22 AM

Commentor Name Dwight Scifres
 Commentor County 61
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Montezuma
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think the one buck rule should stay in place, it has improved the quality of deer hunting in my area.
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:00:28 AM

Commentor Name Mark Gronkiewicz
 Commentor County 37
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City DeMotte
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think there should be a "Buy A Buck" exception to the one buck rule. Set a price for hunters to be able to purchase the right to harvest a 2nd antlered deer. This would not only be another source of funds, but would also increase license sales. For example, if someone tags an antlered deer in the early archery season, they will not purchase a firearms license and may not purchase a muzzleloading license, but if they can shoot a 2nd antlered deer, they may buy the right to a 2nd buck and also purchase more licenses.
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:00:41 AM

Commentor Name NonemakerJohn
 Commentor County 50
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Plymouth

<p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I would like to see the one buck rule become permanent.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:01:05 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Chris Crawford</p> <p>Commentor County 2</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Leo</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I'm in favor of keeping the one buck rule in place. Over the past 5 years or so I've enjoyed better hunting opportunities and been seeing larger more mature deer when in the field.</p> <p>I hope this rule will continue so that my children will also get to enjoy the great hunting oppurtunities in northern Indiana.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Chris Crawford</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:01:22 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name David Scott Nixon</p> <p>Commentor County 89</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Richmond</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I have seen bigger and better bucks since this rule went into effect. I think we should still have the one buck rule. I know it has made a big difference in what we seen in the field. Thank you DNR for all you do.</p> <p>Scott Nixon</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:02:33 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Jai Bloomer</p> <p>Commentor County 57</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Kendallville</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I believe we should follow suit with states like Iowa with an "earn a buck" system and give a second opportunity to those that harvest multiple does. This has done wonders for their herd conservation and trophy hunting opportunities.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:04:05 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Tyler L Frame</p> <p>Commentor County 81</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Liberty</p>

<p>Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The one buck rule has created a healthier and more mature deer herd in our area. It has created a great natural resource for our state. The buck/doe ratio has improved. i am 100% in favor of the rule. In my opinion, if you want to harvest a second or third deer it should be an antlerless deer, this would maintain the population of our herd. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:05:05 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name James W. Downhour II Commentor County 34 Commentor State IN Commentor City Kokomo Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I support the continued 1 buck rule. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:06:29 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Daniel Commentor County 82 Commentor State IN Commentor City newburgh Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment If an archer gets a buck during early season archery he is done if he only hunts for bucks and there would be more revenue if he had the choice to hunt another during fire arm. and for doe relief the tag for out of state for does should be dropped to an affordable price like 50 to 75 for first and 15 for bonus. The buck out of state tag is really pricey also. and more people would buy them if they were more affordable. I believe that would create more money. As more hunters would purchase them. Daniel Grimwood Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:06:41 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Gary Smith Commentor County 85 Commentor State IN Commentor City LaFontaine Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I like the current rule of one antlered deer per hunter per year. I've seen some better looking bucks since this rule has been adopted and there are plenty of does around for meat hunters. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:08:38 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Barbara Jean Dull Commentor County 38 Commentor State IN Commentor City Ridgeville Commentor Organization</p>

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am IN FAVOR of keeping the one (1) Antlered Deer per season rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:10:13 AM

Commentor Name Robert I mcCord

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bennington

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think this is a good rule and should not be changed.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:11:08 AM

Commentor Name gregory carr

Commentor County 11

Commentor State IN

Commentor City bowling green

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment 1 antlered deer per year year w/ any legal weapon during any legal season or special hunts.

Buy 1 antlerless tag, and at check-in you are given a free anterless tag or token to take another antlerless deer. County limits to apply.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:11:32 AM

Commentor Name JIM HORTON

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City CORYDON

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment COMMENTING ON THE ONE BUCK RULE. I AM FOR THE CONSERVATION PROGRAM, BUT I WOULD BE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF A TWO BUCK RULE ALLOWING ONE BUCK IN ARCHERY SEASON AND ONE IN GUN SEASON. THIS WOULD ALLOW ME AND ALL THE OTHER HUNTERS THAT ENJOY BOTH SEASONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT BUCKS IN BOTH SEASONS. I DOUBT THAT MANY MORE BUCKS WOULD BE TAKEN BY THIS CHANGE OVER ALL AND IT WOULD GIVE THE STATE ANOTHER TAG FEE. PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS BEFORE EXTENDING THE CURRENT RULE. THANK YOU.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:12:11 AM

Commentor Name Earle Hanlin

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Leesburg

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the amendment to continue the "One Buck Rule"

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:12:52 AM

Commentor Name kirt clark
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City fort wayne
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Only one buck a year for each hunter period.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:12:56 AM

Commentor Name Sam C Redmon
Commentor County 52
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Peru
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I agree with the proposed one antlered buck only rule. Harvest one antlered deer only per hunter per year.
 thank you for allowing our input...
 Regards,
 Sam Redmon
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:13:43 AM

Commentor Name steve helton
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City warssaw
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The program with the one buck rule has done amazing things concerning our buck quality in Indiana, this would be a big mistake to not keep this rule in place.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:13:45 AM

Commentor Name William G Mitchell Jr
Commentor County 41
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Greenwood
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of keeping the one buck rule, however if it is up to change and goes to the floor I believe that if another buck is to be harvested by a hunter, he should first harvest two does in the county that has more than a one doe limit.

 I believe that making a rule of more than one buck is going to increase the buck to doe ratio, also head hunters or those who seek at nothing but a large buck are going to hurt the other hunters who do it as a sport. I also believe that if the one buck rule is to change, the second buck tag should be placed at a higher dolloar amount. And also life time license holders should have to pay for this.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:15:14 AM

Commentor Name Dennis Schrock

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I spend around 70 days during hunting season and prior to hunting season scouting to assess the local deer herd situation. I'am seeing alot more large mature bucks than used to years ago. I fell like the one buck rule has had a huge positive effect on the deer herd. Please keep the one buck rule in effect. It has had a very positive effect on the deer population.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:16:40 AM

Commentor Name Stephen R. Ramsey

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Maintain the 1 buck rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:18:04 AM

Commentor Name Adam D Scales

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntingburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the one buck rule in place. It has made a world of difference in SW In. Thanks!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:19:16 AM

Commentor Name Tom Wagner

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the "One buck rule" the way it is.

Also, add a doe only, late firearm season. ie the week between christmas and newyears, this would be a big help in population control.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:20:09 AM

Commentor Name Bradley Gilbert

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We should keep the one buck rule. It will be the only way to increase the size of mature Bucks. From my personal experience, I deer hunt on DNR property and the buck size in antler growth over the past 5 yrs has tremendously increased. Not to mention the buck to doe ratio as well, and remember I am hunting public property. PLEASE keep the one buck rule.

Many thanks.....

Brad Gilbert

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:22:24 AM

Commentor Name darrell s thomas

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City edinburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment keep one buck rule the same

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:22:47 AM

Commentor Name Tim Thorne

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Goshen

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I affirm continuing the one buck rule and would not be in favor of any change to this policy that would permit more than one buck to be taken by any hunter in any manor

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:23:07 AM

Commentor Name Philip Eads

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bedford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The buck quality in my area has greatly improved since the "One Buck Rule" came into effect. Each of my 2 sons harvested a buck that scored over 150" this past season. I believe we should keep this rule going forward.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:23:09 AM

Commentor Name David Gentry

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State NC

Commentor City Concord

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule. Indiana is now becoming known as a state where a

hunter can go and have an opportunity at a nice whitetail. I don't think that would be the case without the 1-buck rule. That is the cornerstone of managing for a balanced age structure. The quality of deer taken in Indiana over the last decade is a testament to that.

I travel a long ways to hunt in Indiana each fall just for the opportunity at a nice buck, and even with the one-buck rule I find that the age structure is slanted heavily toward 1 and 2 year old bucks. I pass many young 2 year olds each year hoping that they will reach 4 or 5 years old, but they rarely do. I typically do not encounter those same deer in successive years, which tells me there is heavy harvest between age 2 and 3.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:24:16 AM

Commentor Name James McClain

Commentor County 68

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winchester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hunt Ripley County, and have for 30 years. I have seen greater numbers as well as better quality of bucks. If that is the goal, the "one buck" project has been a success. My greatest fear is Indiana enters into the same deer attitude as of Iowa and Illinois. Hunting on corporate leased lands. Success measured only by rack scores. Deer hunting becoming a business rather than a right of passage from father to son or daughter. Deer hunting should be a celebration of the fall and the harvest of crops as well as deer. I fear todays hunters watch way too many hunting programs. Success is a personal matter. Please don't let hunting a deer become a financial decision. Let Hoosiers harvest 2 bucks to fill their freezers as well as enjoyment of the hunt.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:26:02 AM

Commentor Name Michael E Sharp

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see 1 buck per archery and 1 buck with a firearm, either shotgun or muzzle-loader or handgun. Maybe make second buck eligible after taking 1 or 2 does. That would help decrease the herd if need be . Thank you. Mike Sharp

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:28:23 AM

Commentor Name Robert king

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Tipton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Let the rule expire, it would be great to hunt a buck with a bow, And gun.

Thanks bob king

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:31:54 AM

Commentor Name David R Silvers

Commentor County 9

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Walton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with this rule. We have seen a large reduction of the deer herd do to hunters taking more does and yearlings because of the 1 and done rule. I would rather see 1 buck archery 1 buck firearm and less antlerless permits. Pressure from Insurance companies should not dictate deer population. Some areas of the state may be fine however the north central numbers seem to be down.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:32:44 AM

Commentor Name Levi Boyd Evans

Commentor County 8

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Cutler

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the one buck rule is the worst rule on the books, I HATE it. I am not a trophy hunter I am a deer hunter (meat: you can't eat antlers), however like every other hunter in the woods harvesting a trophy would be great. As of 1 October I have one goal to stock the freezer. If the only deer I see the first few days of the season is a good bodied small racked buck I should be able to harvest it. I should be able to enjoy the experience without having to second guess myself the entire time. Do I shoot do I wait; he stocks the freezer but what if a monster walks out during firearms or muzzleloader. It is an unnecessary argument I must have with myself every season that does nothing but take away from the hunting experience.

If our goal is to keep the population in check then why does this rule exist? From everything I have read the best way to curb the population is take females. Yet come the first day of firearms the woods are overflowing with hunters whose only objective is to down an antlered deer and then retire to their recliner for the rest of the season.

A few months ago I received a survey on this rule and one of the options included the one buck rule but also allowed another opportunity to harvest a second buck by taking a doe. This is the best of both worlds. We are allowed to stock the freezer without ruining our chance at a good buck later in the season yet it keeps the bucks from being overhunted. It also gives the buck only hunters that show up during the firearms season a reason to possibly hunt other seasons with the incentive of harvesting a second buck after they down a doe. I am not sure the earn a second buck rule would work well during the firearms season as it may lead to overhunting but I think it would be great for archery and muzzleloader.

I hate the one buck rule; I believe the only people who benefit from it are strictly trophy hunters who only care about the size of the rack. I would strongly support a one buck rule with the possibility of harvesting a second buck after the harvest of a doe.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:32:57 AM

<p> Commentor Name Ronald E Shockome Commentor County 35 Commentor State IN Commentor City Huntington Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe they should continue/keep the One Buck Rule. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:34:55 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Tom Morlock Commentor County 48 Commentor State IN Commentor City Markleville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Keep the Buck rule, its working. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:35:08 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Bob Peterson Commentor County 29 Commentor State IN Commentor City Carmel Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment This has been a good rule - continue it! As the DNR wants to get more does harvested - and buckled under to pressure from the deer gun nuts - this causes more does to be harvested - and gives a little bit more chance for a buck to grow another year... I am solely an archer... and I saw ZERO bucks last year. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:35:13 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name shawn pennington Commentor County 33 Commentor State IN Commentor City New Castle Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Two bucks will not hurt as bad as most think in Indiana. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:36:35 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Brian Schnuck Commentor County 87 Commentor State IN Commentor City Boonville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think consideration should be made for allowing 1 antelared deer to be taken during archery and 1 antelared deer taken with a firearm. For a possible total of 2 antlered deer per season. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:36:39 AM </p>

Commentor Name Matt Decker
Commentor County 30
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Wilkinson
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to see the one buck rule continue in the state of indiana. I have seen the quality of antlered deer increase since the rule has been implemented, and would like to see that trend continue into the future. I feel this is better for all people involved in hunting deer in Indiana. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rule.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:36:44 AM

Commentor Name Dennis Yackus
Commentor County 46
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Rolling Prairie
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I belive that this rule should be kept because given the oppurtunity unscrupulous hunters would take advantave of the lack of regulation on the number of antlered deer they take. From my experience I've seen this done with does in my area, not bothering to have the correct permits to take multiple does and just "forgetting" to check them in. Now, its not that the one antlered deer rule hasn't be taken advantage of currently but if it continues on the books at least there is some sort of legal recourse once these sort of "hunters" get caught breaking the law.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:37:30 AM

Commentor Name Warner W Freese
Commentor County 23
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Covington
Commentor Organization Mill Creek Farm
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment In our opinion the one buck rule has been very successful and should be continued.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:37:57 AM

Commentor Name David B Ranard
Commentor County 54
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Crawfordsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please keep the One Buck Rule in effect!!!

Thank you very much...
Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:39:04 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Shell

Commentor County 29
Commentor State IN
Commentor City noblesville
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am apposed to limiting the taking of any deer. there are too many deer in hamilton county, indiana. especially north of 146th street to 206th street. there should be a special hunt to eliminate them, as they are becoming a nuisance. there should be no limit to the number of deer a hunter can take in hamilton county.

I am not a hunter. I dont even own a gun. I just am tired of having to slam on my breaks at dusk because some jackass group of deer decide that then is a good time to cross the road. especially on 191st street.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:39:47 AM

Commentor Name Thomas John Reamer
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Churubusco
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe we need to change the 1 buck rule, I would like to see an archery hunter be able to harvest a buck, and then again harvest a buck in the firearms or muzzleloader season. If we want to go to a point restriction I would be open to that also, maybe no buck harvested with less than 8 total points.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:41:33 AM

Commentor Name John Michael Bowan
Commentor County 83
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Clinton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We should absoulutely keep the one buck rule. This language should be extend made permanent.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:41:35 AM

Commentor Name Paul Dustin
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Leesburg
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck rule should be add ir is a good rule. I was not for it in the begaining but now i'm change me mine on it.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:42:03 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Mitchell
Commentor County 18

<p> Commentor State IN Commentor City Muncie Commentor Organization Www.IndianaOpenCountry.Com Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Personally, I think the decision should be left in the data. How will the change impact future hunting? Sure everyone I think would like the opportunity to get another buck, Im seeing myself more bucks killed than I am does in my areas anyway. My biggest question or maybe it is just a concern, but is the thought of allowing another buck a financial move to bring more money into the state or is a move based on the population and control? If it is population control...lets take another buck. If it is a financial move.....Leave it the way that is. Jeff Mitchell http://Www.IndianaOpenCountry.Com Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:43:31 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Jon Goldsberry Commentor County 29 Commentor State OH Commentor City cincinnati Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment We own land in switz Co. Ind. I think that 2 buck would be ok if you could earn it through doe kills. Also it would be nice if there was a price break for land owners, since we pay taxes in your state as well. Thank you for your time. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:43:49 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Warne Walter Spencer Commentor County 91 Commentor State IN Commentor City Monticello Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe the one buck rule is conducive to keeping hunting fair and ensures that trophy hunters will use better judgement when trying to take a monster buck. This allows younger bucks to mature and gives everyone a better chance at a mature buck Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:44:08 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Jack L Kissner Commentor County 49 Commentor State IN Commentor City Indianapolis Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Excellent rule. Please retain. A step in the right direction. Would like to see some </p>

protection for the year and a half old buck.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:45:12 AM

Commentor Name John Warder

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Is this meeting only concerning the youth hunts? I firmly believe the 1 Buck limit should remain in force for all hunters. Indiana is finally starting to produce quality trophy bucks and i believe the one buck rule further enhance quality of our deer herd.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:45:19 AM

Commentor Name James R. Rivers

Commentor County 54

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crawfordsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hunt deer quite a bit in the firearm & muzz. season's. I usually take the one antlered and at least 3 antlerless. I would be inclined to hunt more if I could take another antlered buck in Muzz or Archery. We allow a lot of young bucks to be taken now under the bonus program. I dont see the difference in taking them later with antlers and selling another buck tag making more revenue for the State

James R. Rivers

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:45:49 AM

Commentor Name roger williams

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indy

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Kill more of thes dangerous pests they don't mix well with cars or bioflora. Get a few of those nasty gesse while you are at it

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:46:13 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Hoffer

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ft. Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the rule change to one antlered deer in archery and one in firearms season, with the addition of a rule that the buck must have at least four scorable points.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:47:30 AM

Commentor Name corey straub

<p> Commentor County 2 Commentor State IN Commentor City fort wayne Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment the one buck rule is a rule that should stay. There are county restrictions on how many does can be harvested and if people want to complain then they are ignorant. if the argument for food on the table presents itself then go to a different county and shoot more does or get a new job to supplement the needed income. jobs are out there, are Governor took care of that. The problem is these Indiana redneck, lazy, economy draining "impoverished middle class" are too busy and far to lazy to better themselves. if people want to put food on there table, better yourself and make your family more money. shooting more than one buck a season wont put more food on the table it will destroy the trophy quality hunting Indiana has to offer residents and non residents. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:47:45 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name GENE DIXON Commentor County 15 Commentor State IN Commentor City AURORA Commentor Organization NONE Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment THIS RULE NEEDS TO BE CONTINUED. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:49:35 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Cecil P Poag Commentor County 82 Commentor State IN Commentor City Evansville Commentor Organization none Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think we need to keep the rule as is, we are a long way from achieving the results that we need from this rule. Indiana hunters still do not see the quantity or the quality of bucks that other states such as Kentucky ,Illinois and Ohio are seeing and harvesting, which tells me that we need to keep the law as is and possibly do something more to improve our buck quality , maybe what Missouri has where the buck has to have at least 4 points on a side to be a legal deer in any season. Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:50:18 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name nathan pate Commentor County 59 Commentor State IN Commentor City paoli Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment i favor the 'one-buck' rule. it makes sense to reduce deer population for overall </p>

benefit to the forest ecology..

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:50:25 AM

Commentor Name Stuart Grell

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Attica

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is working fine for my area of the state. I feel it should remain in our rules.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:52:36 AM

Commentor Name Mike Bennett

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Argos

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel we could go back to the two buck rule with some restrictions. I like Michigans rule. Your second buck must have at least 4 pionts on one side.

This would help stop hunters from shooting 2 young buck per year. I hunt 3 1/2 year olds and older. But I have passed alot of nice deer because of the 1 buck rule. That could be good. But, I have only shot 2 bucks in the last 5 years because of that.

Hunters like myself, won't shoot a small buck and with the 2 buck rule we would spend more time in the woods and buy more buck tags. Money for the state.

Hunters that shoot small bucks, will still shoot that 1 1/2 old buck at first light on opening day. But, will buy a sencond tag and be forced to wait for a bigger buck. This may teach some of them that by watching the young ones go by. It gives you a chance for a Big Boy!

I also think that the 2 buck rule would increase the number of bow and muzzle loader hunters. More money for the state.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:53:48 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Robert Ehrhart

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe the rule is a good one and should continue. I have seen an improvement in the number of quality bucks in the past few years.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:01:05 AM

Commentor Name Gary A. Gerking

Commentor County 88

<p>Commentor State IN Commentor City Campbellsburg Commentor Organization private individual Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would prefer adopting a (2) buck rule during the entire hunting season.. I would like to be able to take (1) with a firearm and (1) with a bow/crossbow. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:02:21 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Thomas Wadsworth Commentor County 37 Commentor State IN Commentor City Rensselaer Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment We need to keep the one buck rule. I think it drastically improves the size of our bucks and the age structure also. I we impose a multi buck rule we are going to see way way less bucks while we are in the woods. KEEP ONE BUCK. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:03:35 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Keith Samuel Butcher Commentor County 76 Commentor State IN Commentor City Fremont Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I feel the one buck rule should continue. I belive this rule has helped increase the age structure of the bucks in Indiana. I believe more needs to be done to further expand upon this rule or iniative so that we can further develop an older age class of Indiana Whitetail Bucks. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:04:13 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Keith Samuel Butcher Commentor County 76 Commentor State IN Commentor City Fremont Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I feel the one buck rule should continue. I belive this rule has helped increase the age structure of the bucks in Indiana. I believe more needs to be done to further expand upon this rule or iniative so that we can further develop an older age class of Indiana Whitetail Bucks. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:04:18 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael Wildman Commentor County 6 Commentor State IN Commentor City Thorntown Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor</p>

Comment I am in full support of the one buck rule. I think it has helped take Indiana deer hunting to the next level and needs to be continued to retain that level of quality hunting. Thank you.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:07:50 AM

Commentor Name arthur cleary

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City palmyra

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i always hut the same place every year and the bucks are not growing. It needs to be like it was a few years ago where you can take 2 bucks that way you can manage the property that you hunt on every year.this way you can leave your lager bucks to do the breeding.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:09:56 AM

Commentor Name Tim Kissell

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Versailles

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The (1) buck rule per season in Indiana should be continued.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:11:09 AM

Commentor Name David B. Yanasak

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am totally in favor of the one buck rule. The deer I have seen since this started have had larger racks and there seems to be more to choose from. You are now able to pass on a less mature buck and still have a pretty good chance to see a mature buck come along. So YES keep the one buck rule in effect please.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:11:44 AM

Commentor Name Craig Versteeg

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with the petition to continue the one buck rule.

I would like to see restrictions on the shooting of spikes and fork horns(except for youth and first time hunters that have never tagged a buck). And for those that still want to kill two bucks...maybe implement a lottery for an extra buck tag. sort of like when doe tags

first started coming out.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:13:10 AM

Commentor Name Kyle Hunsberger

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Argos

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment to whom it may concern...

I'm an avid deer hunter and I spend my entire season after 1 buck.

I strongly disagree with the option of shooting MORE than 1 antlered deer. Over the past few years I've noticed a large decrease in the amount of deer I see period. I believe there is nobody who needs more than 1 buck, it gives discipline to people and keeps individuals from shooting at anything they see. If they arnt happy with the buck they harvested than it should be there own fault for gettin trigger happy. Besides, the amount of people who DON'T tag there bucks because they arnt happy with it, and the amount of poachers, it keeps the deer with at least having a chance to survive until the next season and will allow smaller bucks to mature and possibly reach there full potential. If someone needs the meat that badly than they should just have a cow butchered. I'm pretty in Marshall county Indiana u can take 1 buck and 2 does in a season, which is a nice freezer full of meat. If people continue to shoot more than they really need to, than I do feel like in the future seeing deer will be almost impossible. I think the 1 buck a year is perfectly fine. And anyone who disagrees is just being greedy. Thanks for allowing me to post my opinion, and hopefully it will b noticed and not looked over. Thank you.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:13:40 AM

Commentor Name William Georges

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I wish the rule would stay in affect. The quality of deer, bucks, have increased tremendously where I hunt. The quality of the hunt has also increased, being selective on a buck to harvest.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:17:16 AM

Commentor Name Paul Wittke

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the rule should stand at one buck. There are too many hunters out there who only go after bucks already, allowing them to kill more will decrease the chances for those of us who have real jobs and limited chances to hunt to get a nice buck. Also there are way too many does around still.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:17:27 AM

Commentor Name Orville Jefferson Jr.

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kouts

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe VERY strongly that the 1 buck rule is a good rule. I believe that the bucks in Indiana are getting bigger as a direct result of the rule. Please keep the 1 buck rule in the state of Indiana>

Thank you,

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:17:29 AM

Commentor Name james watson

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment the rule should stay at one buck! there is enough idiots out there now who don't follow the rules!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:17:37 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Shaffer

Commentor County 74

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rockport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Due to the fact that at least a third of the deer I have seen over the last 3 years are bucks, I feel that the limit should be raised to 2 antlered deer per year. Most of the does are having twins, so shooting more does may not be the answer. Shooting two antlered deer a year would allow more culling of the herd and better bred deer.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:18:44 AM

Commentor Name mark wyatt cullom

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization na

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern,

I've been in the woods most of my life, hunting, taking pictures and teaching both of my kids to hunt & enjoy nature. Over the last several years

i've noticed that the bucks are larger as in rack size & in numbers with the one

buck rule in place. With this rule in place it forces me & my kids to be a lot more selective with our shots and not just pull the trigger or release that arrow knowing that we do not

have a second opportunity later in season to get a larger buck. Although it's frustrating to my kids & to me at times seeing that early buck and passing it up hoping for the big one to come by, sometimes it does but we understand that it's part of hunting and life, making the right choices & living with it. I do not support more than a single buck during a hunting season. i truly feel that multiple buck tags within a single season will without a doubt decrease sizes & quantities within a short period of time. In my opinion it could lead to riskier or more careless shots being taken in the woods & more wounded untrackable deer plus a possible increase in accidental hunter death / shootings. i haven't seen any official reports showing an increase or decrease in injuries due to this law so i can't say for sure which way that actually goes?

thank you.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:19:56 AM

Commentor Name phil smith

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City depauw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of KEEPING the rule as is.....

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:20:46 AM

Commentor Name Wayne A. Langman

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support this rule. Indiana has a deer herd that has become more of a nuisance than an asset. Only by reducing the number of does will the population be reduced, and this rule will support that activity.

Unless the DNR is willing to allow private Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators to take deer to stop damage this effort to control population growth should remain in place.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:21:20 AM

Commentor Name Dennis Whitesell

Commentor County 5

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hartford City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with the one buck rule being extended. This rule has created better quality bucks and better opportunities for our youth. I have been hunting deer for almost 30 years, and I have seen more quality bucks in the last couple of years, than ever before. I believe this rule is working, so please keep it in place after September 1st.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:23:36 AM

Commentor Name Daryle Lindell

Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Crown PointNA
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

**Comment I believe the youth season buck should not count against the one buck rule.
The urban earn a buck rule should count against the one buck rule.**

I think if adults want to shoot more than one buck they can go to another state and hunt as many do, the big time antler hunters.

With our liberal bonus system I think we kill enough fawn, button bucks to keep the buck to doe ratio off balance from the 1 to 1 ratio to start with, I bet the area I hunt is at least 5 does to one buck at 1.5 years and older.

I WANT A ONE BUCK RULE.....EXISTING RULES KEEP THE RATIO OFF AS IT IS, PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT WORSE.....AND THE KIDS YOUTH SEASON DOESN NOT COUNT AGAINST THE BUCK RULE.....GOD KNOWS WE NEED MORE HUNTERS COMING IN THE FUTURE.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:25:15 AM

Commentor Name Erik Engus
Commentor County 46
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Laporte
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the rule. There are already too many people with the attitude "if it's brown it's down". We need to allow more bucks to come to full maturity to help keep a healthy balance of deer. There are already too many people who just shoot a 4 point and juvenile six point just to fill a tag. Educate people more on what to shoot and what to pass on. The limits already allow for a family anywhere in Indiana to more than feed their family for the winter on just does.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:26:23 AM

Commentor Name James R Whaley
Commentor County 42
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Vincennes
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule! It is working.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:29:19 AM

Commentor Name Ernest P Thompson
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fort Wayne

<p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I am fully supportive of the one buck rule to be continued. I am primarily a meat hunter and have different views towards the buck rules. I believe it has overall made the deer population better.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:29:31 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael Griffin</p> <p>Commentor County 87</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Newburgh</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I would like to comment on the one buck per season rule. I think that this rule is too restrictive for all hunters. In going out hunting with my children it is often that we will come accross multiple bucks throughout the season and by limiting us to one buck we are usually forced to take the first one that crosses our path. I think that by allowing us to take multiple bucks we can be more proactive in the deer management process.</p> <p>It also allows us to teach our children to hunt with bows and guns while givng them the opportunity to use those lessons in a single season verses waiting year over year because we are limited to one buck to be taken.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:34:55 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Dustan Howell</p> <p>Commentor County 38</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Portland</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I am in favor of the "One Buck Rule." I have seen more mature bucks last season than I ever have in one season. I think this will be good for the sport in the long run. I also think the way to control deer population is to shoot does, not bucks. Even if this rule is not popular, it is for the best interest of the sport and population management.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:37:03 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Bill Oswalt</p> <p>Commentor County 90</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Ossian</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment The 1 buck rule should stay in place. There are enough headhunters in the woods now poaching more than they are allowed with the current laws and not enough Conservation Officers to enforce the laws we have.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:40:21 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Shane Beckley</p> <p>Commentor County 5</p>

<p>Commentor State IN Commentor City Hartford City Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think the one buck rule should stay in effect. I truly believe this makes for a better deer herd through genetics as more mature bucks are being kept alive. When the two buck rule was in effect hunters were shooting at anything with horns as they knew they had another tag. Believe me, I know alot of hunters. It has been great seeing the quality of bucks improve as Indiana has stuck with the one buck rule for some time now. I would rather go with out than shoot a small 4 point who has yet to mature. I really hope that this is not to reduce the population by means of increasing tags like that of doe permits. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:40:22 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name todd paterson Commentor County 2 Commentor State IN Commentor City new haven Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I fully support the one buck rule. I have been deer hunting in Indiana for 35 years and have not only watched the deer herd increase through good management, but seen the buck to doe ratio become better balanced. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:50:56 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Tom Buchs Commentor County 17 Commentor State IN Commentor City Waterloo Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would prefer to maintain the one buck rule. Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:58:27 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Randy Bennett Commentor County 55 Commentor State IN Commentor City Mooresville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment There is absolulety no reason why the one buck rule should not continue. I am an avid hunter and since the rules inception I have seen more mature bucks harvested than ever before. Randy Bennett Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:59:56 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Steve Dunne Commentor County 64 Commentor State IN</p>

<p>Commentor City Valparaiso Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please keep the one buck rule, we now have better quality bucks and see more of them. There are enough does to shoot if they need more meat. Thanks Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:02:23 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Steve Dunne Commentor County 64 Commentor State IN Commentor City Valparaiso Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please keep the one buck rule, we now have better quality bucks and see more of them. There are enough does to shoot if they need more meat. Thanks Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:02:25 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Mark Lods Commentor County 22 Commentor State IN Commentor City New Albany Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment in favor of the one buck rule Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:03:34 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name gary sydlowski Commentor County 84 Commentor State IN Commentor City Terre Haute Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe the one buck rule needs to stay in effect and the gun season be shorter and out of rut. It also might be a good idea to have to tag a doe prior to a buck Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:08:30 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Gary Schwartz Commentor County 90 Commentor State IN Commentor City Bluffton Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I support the one buck rule Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:09:07 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Zachary Gibbs Commentor County 65 Commentor State IN</p>

Commentor City Mount Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment You shouldn't be allowed to kill a buck until you have killed a doe for archery season. Same goes for firearm and muzzleloader season. If you raise the limit to two bucks then you must kill two does before harvesting one buck. Our herd in posey county is growing substantially big, the doe population is out of control. The main target for firearm season is small bucks six pt or less not giving our buck population a chance to prosper. Harvesting does will help this. Please consider this thought, something needs to change.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:09:48 AM

Commentor Name Bradley A. Fudge

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In regards to the possibility of expanding the number of antlered deer to be taken every year, consider that a possible increase in the number of antlered deer taken during the youth, early, and late archery seasons could assist in maintaining quality levels of the male deer population without inadvertently allowing an influx of out-of-state hunters seeking only to shoot trophy animals without the vested interest of our states overall quality of wildlife.

Numbers seem to back that the majority of animals are taken during the high point of the rut which falls in accordance with shotgun season. An increase in the number of antlered deer would only encourage the practice of trophy hunting; negatively affecting areas where quality antlered deer are still seen as an exception and not a rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:11:21 AM

Commentor Name Leon F. Deutsch

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IA

Commentor City Wadena, Iowa

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been hunting in Indiana as an out if state hunter since 1995. Since this One Buck rule was adopted I have seen more older deer and mature animals to hunt. I only like to shoot mature animals and let the younger ones grow up.

I would like to see the rule be continued. Thank you for asking the out of sate hunters what they think.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:14:37 AM

Commentor Name Bruce Bowman

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I Believe it should stay the same except for one thing my Buddys and I think it should be where you have to Kill a Doe before you Kill a Buck.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:23:15 AM

Commentor Name James Barnett

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment the one buck rule should be removed for land owners hunting on their own property. it may be ok for public property , but is invasive unnecessary and hinders good herd management on privately owned property.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:26:52 AM

Commentor Name BUD FIELDS

Commentor County 9

Commentor State IN

Commentor City LOGANSPOUT

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I was OPPOSED to this "idiotic" recommendation from the start..Just because a "select group" of antler worshippers cannot hunt and harvest a TROPHY deer by their own skill they want to the DNR to "help grow them.." IF they want to pass one "lesser" bucks and wait HOPING for a wall hanger, let them do so but DON'T FORCE ME into only being able to shoot ONE buck a season.

When I started hunting, the license was \$5 and look what we are forced to pay now... You need a license for every season AND WITH THE EVER INCREASING PROCESSING FEE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE ON A LIMITED INCOME TO ENJOY WHAT THEY DO.

Since the inception of this "OBR" I have seen and taken LESS deer meaning does and bucks. It might work in some areas for those antler worshippers that have access to thousands of acres and multitudes of farms to hunt but for us "less fortunate" hunters that have been hunting and supporting the DNR for MANY YEARS, we are the people getting shafted... Let those trophy hunters book their "high fenced" trophy deer hunts and let the rest of us enjoy our hunting.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:27:40 AM

Commentor Name Robert Jason Garder

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is the greatest thing to happen to Indiana hunting. Manage

the heard through the doe's...not the bucks. DO NOT ALLOW A HUNTER TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE BUCK!.

....I still think firearms season should be pushed back into December.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:31:42 AM

Commentor Name Shawn Brotzman

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I've seen a hugh difference in the quality of mature bucks in the areas that I hunt. The one buck rule played a huge role in the state. I would vote to keep the one buck rule in place. I'm a huge fan of quality deer management. Keeping the antlerless deer in check and producing mature bucks. We should keep the one buck rule for years to come.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:32:05 AM

Commentor Name John M Singel

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City St. John

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the rule go back to one buck with a bow and one buck with a firearm.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:33:37 AM

Commentor Name Keane J. Moody

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Griffith

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am 100% in favor of continuing the one antlered buck per year rule. It has led to an increased number of mature bucks in the area I hunt (Starke County), and there is no reason it should be changed. Thank you. Keane J. Moody

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:42:12 AM

Commentor Name Lee Toney

Commentor County 11

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brazil

Commentor Organization Rogers Group Inc.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck rule should remain. Consideration should be taken on changing the season to be like Illinois. Or have a earn a buck program where you have to kill a doe before you can kill a buck.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:42:24 AM

Commentor Name Matthew A. Robbins

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kouts

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I want to have one archery and one firearm buck. I won't shoot a doe until after I have a buck. With the one buck rule that means I shoot many less does because I wait for that one good buck. Under the 2 buck rules, I would take any decent buck with bow and then shoot some does. I have only killed one doe in the last 2 years because of this rule. I find it senseless to try to build trophy deer. I hunt for the pleasure and meat. I do not want to support trophy hunters.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:45:58 AM

Commentor Name Chad Stoll

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City cannellburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Absolutely continue this law. Very help to raising mature white tails.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:46:04 AM

Commentor Name Eric Sean Floyd

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mooresville

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the law changed back to allow (1) buck to be harvested with bow/arrow and (1) buck to be harvested with a firearm. I do not like the current (1) buck rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:49:16 AM

Commentor Name Mike Falck

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Wanatah

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is not supported by science and limits hunting opportunities. I am requesting that the one buck rule be discontinued.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:55:50 AM

Commentor Name Doug Shreves

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Daleville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck rule should be changed to one buck per licence, for example if you buy an archery licence and a firearms licence you should be able to take one antlered deer per licence. if not the fees should be changed.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:57:58 AM

Commentor Name Bruce Ludlow

Commentor County 27

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Marion

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment All in favor of keeping the one buck rule.

Thanks for the great job you at DNR are doing.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ludlow

Time stamp 04/03/2012 10:58:07 AM

Commentor Name Kelly Kopp

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Batesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the one buck rule should stand for the time being. I have been seeing more "quality" bucks as a result of this rule. This past hunting season I saw more bucks than ever, though, (especially spikes, forkies and small 6 and 8 pointers) and wonder if people are killing too many does to make up for the lack of another buck tag to help fill their freezer in these harder economic times. I did not see the doe ratio I am used to. I do not think the rule should expire completely, just allow a few more years and bring it back up for discussion again. In Franklin Co. we are allowed 8 bonus does, and if a person cannot fill a freezer with that generous allowance something is wrong. I love to hunt, and did not take a deer this year though I had many opportunities. For me it is not about the kill or even filling the freezer, it is about being out in the beauty of nature. Just having the opportunity to see more mature bucks was awesome.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kopp

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:04:10 AM

Commentor Name kurt barhydt

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City south bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment please keep and continue the 1 buck rule indefinitely! it's working. we're seeing bigger and better quality of bucks! if a person wants meat for their freezer let them shoot does! there are toooooo many of them anyway and the antlerless heard needs thinning out!.

thank you.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:05:06 AM

Commentor Name Gregory L. Corpe

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see 1 buck archery/crossbow AND 1 buck firearms per year.

Thanks

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:09:27 AM

Commentor Name Billy J. Bell

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel like the one buck rule is a good plan with the exception that the harvested buck should have at least 4 points (2 on each side).

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:10:05 AM

Commentor Name James Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think we should have a 3 yr study that allows the tbr to be reinstated and thus see if the obr is really having the effect some think it is, or is it just changing attitudes and more liberal antlerless tags that is driving the bus.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:17:00 AM

Commentor Name Nita Trott

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The number of does and bucks allowed each year should depend on the number of does and bucks an area has. Hunting is not essential for human survival in most areas so it is used as a way to control the deer populations.

Unless we have too many deer, hunters should be limited to 1 buck so I say to keep the one buck rule.

In addition, I wish all hunters or whomever would not leave deer remains next to water as it can contaminate animals water supply. If you have to leave a carcass, leave it in the woods at least 200 feet from a water supply.

In Texas if a vehicle hits a deer or the deer hits it, a person MUST REPORT IT to POLICE

ASAP. Texas doesn't want the carcasses left on the roadside. I wish Indiana was the same way. Why? Dead animals in public areas can spread disease and be a road hazard. Best to use them for wildlife food if too damaged for human consumption then to be left to ROT BY THE ROADSIDE.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:18:27 AM

Commentor Name Charles Freel

Commentor County 38

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Portland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly support the one buck rule. It gives us larger more mature bucks, plus encourages culling antlerless deer.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:25:51 AM

Commentor Name Timothy R McKay

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Atlanta

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment all i've seen this rule do is to make poachers out of hunters. one buck per season would make more sence and bring more money to the state.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:26:19 AM

Commentor Name Robert L. Herink

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mooresville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in agreement with the proposed rule change. I believe this is the proper way to improve the deer herd.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:27:10 AM

Commentor Name Art Augspurger

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This rule needs to continue for one basic reason and that is that one buck is enough for any one hunter. This also is in line with the state's management of the overall deer heard, in which killing a buck takes one deer out of the herd, whereas killing one doe takes multiple deer out of the herd over several years.

The only reason this rule would need to be changed is if the doe to buck ratio gets to a point where biologically it makes sense.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:27:26 AM

Commentor Name Stephen L. Reynolds
Commentor County 23
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Covington
Commentor Organization private land owner
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think we should keep the one buck rule!!!
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:27:49 AM

Commentor Name Steven W. Karanovich
Commentor County 83
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Clinton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment We need to keep the one buck rule!!! I am going to be 63 years old in May and I saw less deer this year. There are already too many people cheating on the one buck rule. There are too many hunters using the bonus tags to slaughter the does!!! I am out in the woods hunting to relax and the deer I pass up are being killed. This last year I had 2 small bucks and 4 does walk by my stand during gun season. I heard around 16 shots and when I got down to see what these idiots were doing, they had both bucks and all the does down on the ground!!! It is sickening to see what some people call hunting. PLEASE KEEP THE ONE BUCK RULE!!!!
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:28:43 AM

Commentor Name James Perry
Commentor County 15
Commentor State IN
Commentor City West Harrison
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I believe that the one buck policy is not effective deer heard management. I believe that the policy will be better served if there was a two buck limit, one during bow or muzzleloader, and the other buck taken during regular gun season. You cannot take 2 bucks during regular gun season. The odds of taking 2 bucks are significantly reduced if you put a condition like the one I mentioned above. I also believe it would be a great idea to lower the price of the Doe tags so people will be more likely to purchase and harvest a doe each season. Thanks! Jim Perry
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:33:31 AM

Commentor Name James M. Nail
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State GA
Commentor City Covington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I have traveled to Indiana for the last several years to hunt deer, However it would be better if I could take more than one buck, quality mangement quota would help

the whole season 4 on one side atleast Thanks,, see ya this fall
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:33:32 AM

Commentor Name James Perry
Commentor County 15
Commentor State IN
Commentor City West Harrison
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:33:40 AM

Commentor Name Timothy S O'Bryan
Commentor County 79
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lafayette
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support keeping the One-Buck Rule as is.

Thank you!
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:35:22 AM

Commentor Name Timothy Depoy
Commentor County 25
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Rochester
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is fine leave it in place.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:41:09 AM

Commentor Name James Gentry
Commentor County 54
Commentor State IN
Commentor City New Market
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly support continuing the 1-buck rule in the state of Indiana. I have seen a tremendous improvement in the quality of bucks in my area. It has changed Indiana deer hunting for the better and it would be a shame if the state went away from this improvement.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 11:55:19 AM

Commentor Name Leon A. Bogucki

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rolling Prairie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment KEEP IT! It is a good rule. I recoomend to keep the one buck rule. It has definitely produced larger and more bucks in the state of Indiana. After 24 years of hunting, I have finally been able to be proud of my harvest and put one on the wall. I know many many more people that feel the same way. Bag limits on does is what needs ot be discussed. There is a definite decline in the amount of deer in the state. Its nonsense that our law makers keep pushing for more deer to be killed. I am an engineer. There is NO CORRELATION between the number of deer harvested by hunters and killed by cars and the estimated population of the deer herd. Its non sense. Deer are NOT over populated. Pockets of deer, sure. Over population NOT at all. You people in the governement need to get you crap straight. Keep the one buck rule forever and reduce the amount of anterless deer tags. As well quit hunting in the state parks. Every year is not necessary. Every five years, maybe.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:04:35 PM

Commentor Name greg matheis

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:05:06 PM

Commentor Name robert a schulteti

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have had a lifetime hunting and fishing licence since 1987 and i have been hunting deer in indiana for about 40 years , I have had a better opportunity for(QUALITY BUCKS) since the one buck rule was passed . Keep the rule in place , I believe it makes good sense. Thanks

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:08:24 PM

Commentor Name Trenton Lee Wagner

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Elkhart

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom this concerns,

I support the one buck per person rule no matter the age or season. It allows our bucks to grow to a mature age.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:09:24 PM

Commentor Name Richard Zbell

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crown Point

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of extending the one buck rule past September 1, 2012.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:09:58 PM

Commentor Name james r. keck

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to thank the indiana DNR for the one buck rule and hope that they extend this rule.

I feel that the number of bucks i have seen has not only increased, but the QUALITY of the bucks has greatly improved.

I hope they keep this rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:13:39 PM

Commentor Name Robert Brad Dragoo

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Palestine

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to say the one buck rule has had tremendous benefit to the overall health of our Indiana Deer Heard. I am 100% in favor of the Indiana one buck rule. Our current age structure has made great strides ahead of the position it once held in the past. In the past, I would have to go to Illinois or Ohio and spend my money to see the kind of age structure that should be made permanent in Indiana. Not anymore. I have stayed in my home state every year for the last 3 years and this is 100% due to the one buck rule and age structure of the bucks improving from year to year. I now see several 2 and 3 year old bucks from stand per year. Before the rule, I would be lucky to lay eyes on a 2 yr old all year long. Do the hunters of this state a favor and renew the one buck rule. It will keep more serious hunters in their home state for the years to come...

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:18:46 PM

Commentor Name Darryll Robert Jones

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Georgetown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a 60 year old hunter , I have deer hunted several surrounding counties for 45 years. We all saw a decrease in the buck population several years ago. When the new 1 buck rule came along a few years ago,most of us frowned but decided to see if it would help the population of bucks. IT HAS NOT !! If any thing,we see a lesser amount of deer including bucks each year. ?? I don't believe it would hurt one way or the other to reinstate the old 2 buck rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:21:23 PM

Commentor Name BENJAMIN B. HALL

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City RISING SUN

Commentor Organization LAND OWNER

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME WE START THINKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS GREAT STATE. MY OPIONION IS THAT AS A LAND OWNER AND LIFE TIME RESIDENT OF INDIANA WE SHOULD GET MORE THAN THE PEOPLE WHO VISIT OUR STATE TO HUNT. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE 2 BUCKS FROM OUR OWN LAND IF WE SO WISH TO. AT THIS TIME WE LET ANYONE WHO COMES AND PURCHESES A LISCENSE TO GET THE SAME BENEFITS AS A RESIDENT . I KNOW THEY PAY A LITTLE MORE BUT THEY REAP THE SAME BENIFITS. THIS CHANGE WILL NOT STOP NON-RESIDENTS FROM COMING BUT GIVE US A LITTLE MORE FOR BEING RESIDENCE. MAYBE MAKE IT SO IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT LAND OWNER YOU HAVE TO TAKE 2 DOES FROM THE HERD AND YOU GET THE RIGHT TO TAKE A 2ND BUCK. THIS IS A WIN WIN FOR CONSERVATION AND THE PEOPLE WHO INVEST THERE LIVES IN INDIANA.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:24:26 PM

Commentor Name Dave Sendre

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crown Point

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Ever since the 1-buck rule was instituted, we have seen an exponential increase in not only the number of bucks seen but also the quality of bucks. The 1-buck rule allows all hunters to harvest deer of either sex for the dinner table while also providing a higher probability of harvesting a quality buck. I believe the 1-buck rule is the most substantial hunting regulation passed in Indiana during my lifetime that contributes to better hunting experiences, an increase in the hunter population/economy, and a sustainable/healthy deer heard comprised of all age groups for both sexes. I believe that the 1-Buck Rule should be extended to allow Indiana to continue providing excellent hunting opportunities.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:24:27 PM

Commentor Name John Kliza

Commentor County 59

Commentor State CA

Commentor City Santa Ana

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a non-resident prior to the one-buck rule, I would to come to Indiana and hunt for two weeks--usually the last week of archery and the first week of firearms season, and/or in muzzleloader season. This allowed me to attempt to kill two bucks. The first year of the one buck rule I hunted and killed my buck with bow and I killed a doe with a firearm, but it wasn't as enjoyable as having the opportunity of killing another buck had one walked by. I would usually pass on small bucks anyway and I would only use the 2nd buck tag if a trophy came by. I stopped hunting in Indiana the past two years. I want the two buck rule back, I miss the opportunity to kill two bucks in Indiana. I would come back to Indiana if the one buck rule was dropped, the out of state license is quite expensive, which I don't mind paying if I have a shot at two bucks. My travel costs to Indiana are basically the same whether I kill one buck or two, but it's simply not worth it from an exciting opportunity standpoint to come back to kill a single buck and a doe.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:25:50 PM

Commentor Name Kris Geyer

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please let this rule expire. Give us back the one buck archery and one buck firearm that we had for so many years. The idea of letting small bucks walk is already being practiced by many hunters. The same as catch and release has taken hold in fishing. The one buck rule limits opputunty to much.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:33:50 PM

Commentor Name scott atkinson

Commentor County 11

Commentor State IN

Commentor City knightsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see 1buck for archery and 1 buck for firearms combined.How many people actually would get both?

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:34:20 PM

Commentor Name Justin J. Stump

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbia City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of keeping the one buck rule the way it is now.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:36:22 PM

Commentor Name James M Trinkle

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winslow

Commentor Organization Personal

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I can not explain the number of trophy hunters that have came to our county to hunt from all over the USA. Most all of my friends and fellow hunters that i talk with feel that the one buck rule is the only way to protect our herds that have been thined out due to EHD and what I know to be "Out Of Town Poachers". Allowing more than 1 buck is only going to slow the rebuilding of these herds.

Please think about all the young deer that are being shot just to feel the freezer with meat and the answers should just fall into place. We need a mature and stable enviroment to manage not a sick and young one to control

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:46:04 PM

Commentor Name Jeffrey L. Alvey

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Franklin

Commentor Organization NA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment My thinking is if you could take 1 buck during archery or crossbow and 1 buck during gun or muzzleloader season,(2 bucks total), more hunters would be more enthusiastic about deer hunting and there would more revenue on license sales. If you kill a buck during the first bow season you're deer hunting season is over if you just hunt bucks. Also if you could get back out there with the chance of a great buck, you might be inclined to also take a doe. Thanks, Jeff Alvey

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:49:10 PM

Commentor Name Tim Current

Commentor County 86

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Williamsport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to voice my support for returning to a two buck limit for an evaluation period. My understanding is the OBR was put into place in order to entice hunters to take additional antlerless deer. There have been many changes, socially, economically, and biologically, since the inception of the OBR. Because of this, concluding that the OBR is successful is nowhere near scientifically justified. The only way credit can be given to the OBR is to re-instate the TBR for a 3-5 year evaluation period.

If the true goal of OBR is to increase the antlerless take then it must be thoroughly tested. If the true goal is to make IN a trophy buck state then I strongly voice my support for completely eliminating the OBR.

Thank you.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 12:56:26 PM

Commentor Name Don Ritschard

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State MI

Commentor City Edwardsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that the 1 buck rule is the best rule Indiana has implemented. Please continue with the 1 buck rule

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:04:09 PM

Commentor Name John Alan Shaw

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would like to see the rule remain in affect asto one antlered deer per year. i would also like to see the rule change on non-antlered deer to try to save some of the smaller bucks from being taken from the 3" min. to help increase the quality of our bucks.

THANK YOU

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:04:32 PM

Commentor Name Ty Hampe

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greencastle

Commentor Organization Pope & Young

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the rule was good and belive that it's time to tweek it. I think that we should go to an earn a Buck rule. Look at Wisconsin and what they acheaved with the earn a Buck. You will see more does taken with this rule also the heard will see even more control, I hunt in several states and can say I do it because I hunt Bucks (Trophy's). What I'm saying is that I take my money out of Indiana to Kill that second Buck. I hunt property that last year had 14 trophy Bucks on it with just 3 of hunting it we were done in Oct..... Then I took my money to Wisconsin. I think the Earn a Buck plan would be welcomed open arms in Indiana. Thank You for your time

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:08:10 PM

Commentor Name Daniel J Robinson

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Zionsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Excellent rule. Would not mind a doe first rule although I know that won't fly. There are enough tiny bucks checked in by experienced hunters....allowing a second will

just make it worse.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:10:59 PM

Commentor Name Brad Dedaker

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bunker Hill

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I know that this response will probably fall on deaf ears but i care too much about this topic and IN deer hunting in general to forego an opportunity to provide feedback. I have lived in IN all my life and have hunted deer throughout the state the past 20 years. I utilize all of my vacation time from work to deer hunt in IN and other surrounding states and have consistently spend 45-50 days each year in the field during all of the various deer seasons from Oct. 1 thru early Jan. I know that the "1 buck rule" is being proposed as a permanent rule going forward and i know that it will probably be excepted. However, i would like to know what positive effect it has had during this 10 year trial to earn acceptance as a permanent law? I have read in the DNR periodicals and IN Game & Fish that the goal of the one buck rule was to increase the number of mature bucks. I have kept detailed records of all of my IN deer hunts over the past 12 years and I have not seen any increase in the quantity of mature bucks in the areas that i hunt. I hunt in at least 5 different counties each year and also hunt state parks and military refuge properties when drawn for the special hunts. I realize that i am only one person but i would venture to say that i am in the top 5% of hunters in time spent in the field(scouting and hunting). During the one buck rule time period, i have not seen, harvested, or had the opportunity to harvest any more mature bucks than before when a hunter could take a buck in archery and firearms seasons. I read an article in IN Game & Fish that sighted HRB entries as one of the data points for how the one buck rule had "improved" the number of mature bucks harvested. The HRB can not be used as a relevant data point to measure this impact. 10 years ago hardly anyone knew the HRB existed and even fewer hunters knew of the HRB or actually entered their bucks into the records when IN allowed the 2 buck limit in the 1990s and before. The increase in media exposure around big buck hunting and the fact that there are now over 100 hunting shows on TV instead of 2 like there were in the 90s has caused the increase in reporting and recording HRB level big buck harvests. Ask the P&Y club and they will confirm this same trend. My biggest complaint about the one buck rule is that it only penalizes the serious bowhunter who also hunts during the firearms season. I saw a survey on the DNR website a few years ago bragging that 90% of gun only hunters were insupport of the one buck rule and 80% of the muzzleloader only hunters supported it. Why were those hunters surveyed when the one buck rule does not affect them? Only one antlered deer has ever been allowed w/ a firearm so why are these hunter demographics even included in the survey? Ask the serious bowhunters like me and see what they say? The other way to look at the minimal effect of this rule is from a statistical viewpoint. Per the DNR's recent report, there were approximately 26,000 deer harvested in the early archery season. Let's conservatively estimate that 40% of this deer were antelered = 10,400. Now let's reasonably estimate that 90% of those archery hunters who harvested a buck also hunt during the firearms season = 9,360 archery hunters who tagged a buck but are still hunting during firearms. Now

estimate that 40% of these hunters also tag a buck with a firearm = 3,744 additional bucks harvested statewide out of a total deer harvest of 130,000. That is 3,744 bucks, mature or not that may have been harvested without a one buck rule. This number is about 2.9% of the total harvest and in all honestly is probably alot higher than the actual number would be given the generous estimates on hunter success. The other thing to rememeber is that the hunter demographic we are discussing here, archery hunters who also hunt firearms season, are the most likely group to pass on immature bucks anyway. This is also the group most dedicated to shooting high numbers of antlerless deer. The fact of the matter is that the one buck rule does not save immature antlered deer at any significant level that would result in more mature deer and improved hunting. Look at many of the states with similar habitat to IN that are "doing it right" in my opinion. IL, IA, KS, WI all allow 2-3 bucks to be harvested per year with different weapons and these states consistently produce more mature antlered deer than IN. I am a lifetime hunting license holder but i would propose a second antlered deer license be offered for a premium price like \$100 or something. The one buck rule "saves" so few deer anyway and the high tag cost would eliminate those people who are not serious about harvesting only mature animals. Well, i have written too much anyway. I just wish someone at the DNR would explain to me the "proven" benefit of the "1 buck rule" to warrant that it be established as a permanent rule for the rest of my life and all of the future hunting seasons of my children.

Thanks

Brad

765-513-8851

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:13:10 PM

Commentor Name Awesome Bill

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Chandler

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule. We are finally starting to see nicer bucks and they look better every year. If it ain't broke don't fix it.

Yours truly,

An avid Indiana outdoors man

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:19:59 PM

Commentor Name John S Roy

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Judson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think it is time for this rule to end. I think a person should be able to take a buck with archery as well as firearm.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:22:04 PM

Commentor Name uberGlenn H

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is fine, but antler restrictions need to be used. You need to protect the 1-1/2 year old bucks instead of allowing the gun hunters to slaughter them. Age structure of the bucks needs to increase for a healthy deer herd. You should know this.

The crossbow rule during the regular archery season is a terrible idea. What is the purpose? Archery season is supposed to be a challenging hunt with a primitive weapon, why change that? The DNR wants to make more money selling additional tags is why this is being allowed. Do what is best for the wildlife and not what is best for your wallet.

Stop killing so many antlerless deer. The slaughter of antlerless deer in this state is a travesty. More antlerless deer shot, more tags bought by hunters. Money seems to be the driving force behind the DNR's deer regulations. That is really sad. The Indiana DNR really needs to look at what many neighboring states are doing with their wildlife management. Again, the Indiana DNR is way behind the times.

Do what is best for the wildlife!!!! PERIOD!!!!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:26:07 PM

Commentor Name Scott A Huffamn

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plymouth

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is my opinion that you return back to a two buck a year season, one for archery, and one for gun.

Thank you,

Scott Huffman

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:26:38 PM

Commentor Name Scott A Huffamn

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plymouth

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is my opinion that you return back to a two buck a year season, one for archery, and one for gun.

Thank you,

Scott Huffman

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:27:45 PM

Commentor Name Kevin E Brown

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hammond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am for removing this law of the one buck rule as I do not think it is making bigger and better year class deer. I only harvest what I need to eat and I will harvest smaller bucks as I would rather get the genes of the older bucks in my woods. The deer on state owned property are under great pressure and hunters usually take the first buck they see.

Thank you;

Kevin E. Brown

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:37:40 PM

Commentor Name Brian Mann

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City La Porte

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the 1 buck rule has greatly improved the quality of Indiana deer hunting and should remain in effect permanantly. If however it is decided to allow additional bucks I think that a hunter should have to earn additional bucks by harvesting 2 female deer before they can harvest an additonal male antlered deer.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:40:30 PM

Commentor Name mike orbik

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City alexandria

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would like to see indiana let the hunters be able to take 2 bucks during the hunting seasontheye are qiute a few bucks out there that it isnt going to do any damage to the heards

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:44:42 PM

Commentor Name Danny L. Everage

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Borden

Commentor Organization IN bowhunters, IN deerhunters

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It goes without saying that the one-buck rule has increased the age structure in Indiana's deer herd. The older buck sightings, opportunities and harvests is plain to see

here in south-central Indiana. My family,friends and neighbors are passing young bucks and shooting does for meat. We need to ensure we kill enough antlerless deer to keep herd numbers down. Many depredation permit shooters are culling bucks as well as does from the reports I'm hearing. Whether we have an earn-a-buck rule, cheaper doe permits or extra doe seasons-we need to keep the pressure off the bucks until they mature. All multi-buck rules will do is keep out-of-state hunters and their business out of Indiana because of bad publicity.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 01:48:22 PM

Commentor Name donald r grannan

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City osceola

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the rule of one buck a year and would like to see it extended. It gives all hunters a better chance of getting that trophy of a lifetime.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:04:40 PM

Commentor Name Thomas D Ketchem

Commentor County 37

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rensselaer

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Yes, I would like to keep the 1 buck rule in place.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:11:48 PM

Commentor Name Timothy James Owens

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Covington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that this rule increases your chance of harvesting a better deer for more hunters instead of just a few getting a trophy deer.i hope we keep this rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:14:14 PM

Commentor Name Timothy James Owens

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Covington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:14:29 PM

Commentor Name Shawn Naylor

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment What i have read is that alot of counties are striving from the existing one buck rule.But i hunt bartholomew and Hoosier national in brown county and the buck population is exstremely low i believe.I would like to see earn a buck in these counties.There are plenty of deer if you want to go to brown county state park but go set in hoosier and see how many you see.Thanks Shawn Naylor
Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:16:21 PM

Commentor Name Michael Wheeling
Commentor County 79
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lafayette
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Keep rule in effect.
 As a hunter for over 20 years in Indiana I have not seen much change in antler growth. Better yet charge a higher price for a second buck permit.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:17:33 PM

Commentor Name Charles Hirsch
Commentor County 65
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Wadesville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to see the one buck per season rule continue. Every hunter would like to see a large mature buck during the season. If people are permitted to kill multiple bucks there will be less bucks to mature. To control the deer population you must control the Doe's. The firearm season is the most popular season. Change the bag limit to 1 antlered or 1 antlerless deer. This will help save the bucks and control the deer population by letting hunters that just want to fill their tag harvest a Doe.

Charlie Hirsch
Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:21:56 PM

Commentor Name Jeremy Todd Yeadon
Commentor County 85
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Wabash
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Get rid of this law. Go back to one buck with archery and one with fiream. Let the trophy hunters be trophy hunters. Let the rest of us who like to deer hunt and need the meat hunt. Most of the so called trophy hunters are shooting more than one buck anyway. Their wives, girlfriends, kids, and every neighbor has a tag they can "fill" so they take

their fair share of bucks. The QDM guys are a joke. Also by allowing one more buck maybe the states deer numbers will come back up a little. NOT SO MANY DOE WILL BE HARVESTED! I personally have not harvested as many doe because the population is going down and not maintaining itself.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:23:37 PM

Commentor Name Gery A Meyer

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Auburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule must stay as is, one buck only no matter what the weapon. Deer hunting as we know it or should I say as we knew it already on its way out in this state because of the IDNR insistance to make sure every deer in the state be eliminated. At least with the one buck rule maybe we can get 3 or 4 more years of hunting before they become extinct again.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:26:37 PM

Commentor Name Thomas Bowman

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pendleton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am strongly in favor of staying with the one-buck rule.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:33:01 PM

Commentor Name kelly timmons

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not support the one buck only rule. I do support a 2 buck limit. I do not believe that 1 buck only has resulted in significantly better quality bucks. If only 20% of archery hunters are successful and 50% of the harvest are bucks and only half of these hunters shoot another buck then the impact to older buck ratio is minimal.

The main difference is hunter selectivity and hunter deer management.

Sadly, our DNR does not support Quality herd management. Iowa and Illinois are great examples of quality management yet our DNR cannot seem to move in this direction. The attempt to change the structure of the deer season last year was pathetic.

I believe the DNR intentionally used this to support the position of reducing the deer herd. The public was not informed of how these changes could greatly enahnce the quality of the deer herd. Had this properly been done I think the public would have supported the change.

The record harvests have greatly reduced the deer herd to where many hunters are going dyas and weeks without even hardly a deer sighting let alone a shot opportunity.

The DNR needs to step up to the plate and get creative to find a solution that effectively manages the deer herd for both quality and proper capacity. Currently the DNR taking the easy way out and completely bowing to the insurance and farming lobbyist. Shameful, it is the hunter who is paying to support Indiana's wildlife.

Kelly Timmons

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:41:00 PM

Commentor Name Larry Ellis

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Why not one buck during archery/ crossbow season and one in firearms season??? Thanks Larry Ellis

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:41:03 PM

Commentor Name abraham

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City vevay

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment OBVIOUSLY fish/game sold RESIDENT LANDOWNER HUNTERS OUT!!!!

You allow NON-RESIDENTS to take MORE of our BUCKS each season.. yet handicap our bowhunters(we SAW YOU put gun hunting before our season even opens!!!) and 18 year olds! You brought gun hunting in SEPTEMBER (FOR YOUR PROFIT!) instead of as other states do ..CORRECTLY...right before gun season!!!!..and you keep adding more bag limits on deer seasons to sell more tags to NON-residents..you stole from us when you asked us to LOWER our BUCK TAGS as residents only to add more seasons to OUTSIDERS!!! THIS CRIME(THEFT BY POLITICIANS!) HAS NOT GONE UN NOTICED!!!! BLOCK MANAGEMENT (montana) and RANCHING FOR WILDLIFE (colorado) came about when LANDOWNERS SUED FISH/GAME..INDIANA WILL BE NEXT???ANGER IS BUILDING !!! ADD ONE BUCK TO RESIDENTS ONLY..ESPECIALLY FOR BOWHUNTERS..or stop expanding NON-RESIDENT THEFT OF OUR RESOURCE WE BUILT!!!!!!!WE FEED THE WILDLIFE..YOU SEEM TO FORGET IT!!!!!!!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:42:22 PM

Commentor Name kevin a sneed

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City cloverdale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think it should not change , keep it like it is ,if you dont there will not be any deer for the young hunters starting out .

Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:54:05 PM

Commentor Name kevin a sneed
Commentor County 67
Commentor State IN
Commentor City cloverdale
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think it should not change , keep it like it is ,if you dont there will not be any deer for the young hunters starting out .
Time stamp 04/03/2012 02:54:11 PM

Commentor Name Alvin E . Milton Jr
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization Hunter
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment In my opinion all deer hunting should be an earn a buck program. This would stop trophy hunting, that doesn't help a deer herd. This would also keep alot of Indiana hunters from traveling to other states to hunt bucks. This would help control deer herds and help keep them healthy.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:04:27 PM

Commentor Name Robert Connell
Commentor County 9
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Logansport
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment As a new resident to Indiana, I am looking forward to the 2012 fall season with much anticipation. I have no concern about the one (1) buck rule, as I have been quite surprised at the relatively few number of deer I see at dusk and dawn in rural areas, compared to the large numbers of deer I had been used to seeing in the plains states. Certainly with the amount of available food sources in Indiana, a larger deer heard could be supported in rural areas. Rather than being concerned with the one (1) buck rule, I would respectfully request you consider revising the regulations to allow baiting and rifle use for deer hunting. Both of these could promote clean kills and would be consistent with deer hunting practice in many other states. I am pleased that the NRC seeks hunter input in the regulations. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:08:42 PM

Commentor Name Jerry Brummett
Commentor County 13
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Taswell
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I believe the one buck rule has done alot for the over all deer population and age structure here in Indiana, and gives hunters a better chance at harvesting a mature buck

and should remain in effect.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:33:17 PM

Commentor Name Chris McCann

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Alsace

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern, I am in favor of the one buck rule. It allows for more bucks to reach an older age. I think we need this for a healthy herd. Also, I hope this means more does being harvested which in turn will improve the buck to doe ratio and also improve the overall health of the deer herd. Please keep the one buck rule in place. Thank You, Chris McCann

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:34:00 PM

Commentor Name JASON M TREESH

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City BORDEN

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment EXTEND THE ONE BUCK RULE, I STILL DON'T SEE ANY NICE BUCKS

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:43:45 PM

Commentor Name Jack Cain

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hoagland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule needs to continue. The best thing that ever happened to Indiana deer hunting.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:44:31 PM

Commentor Name Dennis Addis

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State SC

Commentor City Seneca

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly support the one buck rule. Indiana is starting to harvest some really nice bucks and that is a result of the one buck rule. South Carolina has a very liberal limit and we have very few nice bucks and that is why i drive all the way to Indiana to hunt. I am very proud of the way Indiana manages their natural resources and keeps the public and license holders informed as to what is going on in your state. Keep up your vigilance so that our future generations have a place to hunt quality animals and i thank you for all that you do.

PS, i wish i could say these things about SC DNR

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:44:48 PM

Commentor Name Ronald Whipple

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Continue with current rule one buck!!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:46:33 PM

Commentor Name Bobby J Edwards Jr

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Walkerton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see this rule extended. It is my belief that our state deer herd has greatly improved during this period. It also gives a hunter a greater chance of harvesting a Bigger Buck . Hunters are more selective because of this rule allowing younger animals to mature. I believe it is a win win deal.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:47:41 PM

Commentor Name Bobby J Edwards Jr

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Walkerton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 04/03/2012 03:47:50 PM

Commentor Name jason towler

Commentor County 21

Commentor State IN

Commentor City connersville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the one buck rule and hope they pass it again.I feel it has helped alot to allow bucks to grow bigger antlers.I know that everyone is not a so called trophy hunter but is is nice to have bigger mature bucks around.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:16:37 PM

Commentor Name bernadine kallas

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City LaPorte

<p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I think that the state should allow two bucks. One with bow and one with a firearm. If you want more does harvested maybe before a hunter takes his or her second buck. They should have to harvest a doe and prove it first. It would also help sell more licenses for the state.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:17:57 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name ROGER E WHITE</p> <p>Commentor County 43</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City CLAYPOOL</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment Keep the ruling the same, but I feel we should go to the EARN A BUCK PROGRAM.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:21:50 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Matthew J Green</p> <p>Commentor County 57</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Avilla</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I think keeping the one buck rule is the best idea! It has made a great difference in the quality of antlered deer we see. Moreover, the higher quality of deer in our area has become a welcome spot for out of state hunters. Which in turn brings more money to our local businesses.</p> <p>However, I strongly disagree with the antlerless bag limits. Our deer is heard numbers are down significantly, and make it very difficult and unjustifiable to even hunt antlerless deer. I motion that the bag limit be lowered, in fact I vote to bring back the antlerless deer draw. I would love to see the heard numbers come back a little. I know the farmers and insurance companies disagree, but if something doesn't change there won't be any deer to hunt.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:34:24 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name James V. Wilkinson</p> <p>Commentor County 76</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Fremont</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment One buck a season rule we have now WORKS. I don't want to see it changed. In my county, Steuben county, there is a MUCH larger population of does than their are bucks. What could we possibly GAIN by allowing the kill of more bucks?</p> <p>Truthfully, all that will happen is, that the quality and numbers of bucks will decline.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

James Wilkinson.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:43:49 PM

Commentor Name William K. Ellis

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State FL

Commentor City Valrico

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is an excellent idea and should be continued, however when an over zealous meat hunter kills a buck fawn that he has mistaken for a doe, it should be counted as his buck for that year.

Regards,

Ken Ellis

Time stamp 04/03/2012 04:45:48 PM

Commentor Name Rick Giesler

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization Patoka Hills QU & Dubois Co. Sportsman

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of continuing the one buck rule. I believe it has improved the quality, and and the population of bucks were I hunt.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:08:33 PM

Commentor Name Ronnie Sparkman

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Laotto

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The thinking of Indiana deer hunters when The OBR was implemented was to manage the herd for trophy whitetails by limiting the havesting of the bucks to one per year per hunter. I really don't think this can be proven, but only assumed, If hunters would only pass on the deer they were looking for, this would accomplish the same results. Some of us hunt the three seasons and liked the oppertunity to harvest a buck with bow and gun. I understand this is each hunters choice, but with the outstanding deer we have in this area and really all of Indiana, a second buck would be great. A possible addition to the Rule would be, add a lottery draw for a extra buck to be taken during muzzleloader or late season. This draw would of course cost the hunter a nominal fee to enter. add in some type of incentive for hunters participating in the lottery after "X" amount of years, so they may have a better chance of getting a tag.

Thank you

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:08:43 PM

Commentor Name Eric Noble

Commentor County 59

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Orleans

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule has seemed to reduce the pressure to harvest every buck in the woods, however I could see expanding the rule to allow one buck for the combined bow seasons (early and late archery) and one buck for the combined gun seasons (shot gun and muzzle loader) for a total of two bucks per season.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:09:17 PM

Commentor Name David Harris

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lynnville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of this rule as I believe that it has greatly improved the quality of bucks in out area. Thanks

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:18:36 PM

Commentor Name Chad Dunkle

Commentor County 68

Commentor State IN

Commentor City lynn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment to whom this may concern ...I am a very avid outdoorsman and I am concerned about indiana thinking about changing the 1 book rule the 1 buck rule is just now after the years of it being in progress starting to really show some results I guess I don't understand why you would put it in place and then turn around when it starts to show the results that you wanted and take it out ..it is nice to sit in the woods and see some very respectable bucks live there age.... and I also think if it is money the state is worried about you will lose more in revenue because out of state hunters will not want to come to indiana to harvest small dear... And just my thoughts and a lot of hunters I have talked to on a different note we hated and cannot believe indiana pass the law of having crossbows legal 4 early bow season.. why would you do that? that gave your more than average deer hunter time in the woods without all the chaos and it felt like the time and money we spent putting into our scouting was well worth it now that will no longer be the case because everyone with a crossbow will think they have a gun in my hand and will be moving all around and messing things up I think by doing this indiana will lose more money because our food plots and scouting will no longer be as effective so now why should we pay lots of money so people can just mess things up ... From ::::: very disappointed outdoorsman

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:23:46 PM

Commentor Name Randy Riggs

Commentor County Out of State

<p>Commentor State IN Commentor City Morristown Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would like to continue the one buck rule as it is written now , only taking one antlered deer . Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:25:24 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name gary gilley Commentor County Out of State Commentor State IN Commentor City corydon Commentor Organization Hunter Ed Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I harvested my first deer in 1965, I've been hunting most of my life and deer hunting is one of my passions. Indiana is on the verge of becoming one of the great states to hunt whitetail deer in, one of the main reasons is the current one buck rule, I think it is one of the best deer management decisions that Indiana has made. I hope you stay with the current one buck rule and if there are too many deers lets harvest more does. Thanks Gary Gilley. Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:36:32 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Brent Whitson Commentor County 3 Commentor State IN Commentor City Hope Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Let it expire. Go to 'Earn a Buck' for the first of two bucks. One buck with a 'bullet' and one with a 'bow' Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:38:26 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Emil Horvath Commentor County 46 Commentor State IN Commentor City La Porte Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think the one buck rule should remain. to help further strenghten our buck to doe herds. Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:42:32 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name joe a farster Commentor County 45 Commentor State IN Commentor City lake station Commentor Organization</p>

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment this has went on long enough if a person wants a trophy buck let them wait on one not everybody a trophy hunter bucks get hit by cars too

Time stamp 04/03/2012 05:44:21 PM

Commentor Name john block

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City andrews

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly support to continue the one buck rule

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:01:47 PM

Commentor Name William Burdine

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Peru

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please extend the one buck rule. It would be nice to consider an "earn a buck" rule by taking a doe first.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:04:21 PM

Commentor Name Robert Crigler

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Salem

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I still favor the one buck only as I have seen the improvement in larger antlered deer since the rule has been in effect. I still hear of people who take two or more bucks now and if they are allowed more bucks legally there is no telling how many they will take.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:06:16 PM

Commentor Name Robert Goodman

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntingburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly recommend we keep the one Buck rule. I feel it alone is the reason we have Bucks worth hunting here in southern Indiana. Last season I was able to take a nice Buck in archery season (P&Y 172 6/8)

That would never have happened with out the One Buck Rule.

Thanks for all you guys do !!!!!!!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:08:00 PM

Commentor Name Johnny Johnson

Commentor County 21

<p>Commentor State IN Commentor City Connersville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The majority of Indiana hunters are not trophy hunters. With that being said i believe we should go back to the two buck per year rule. Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:09:35 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Jeff Jones Commentor County 79 Commentor State IN Commentor City Lafayette Commentor Organization self Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Would like to maintain the one buck rule as is and not change it. Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:12:52 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Anthony William Quillen Commentor County 88 Commentor State IN Commentor City Pekin Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I agree with the one buck rule. I hunt a lot of public property and over the last few I have been seeing almost as many bucks as does. Most of them have been button head up to 2-1/2 year but I have been seeing more mature bucks also. I think it forces real hunters to be more patient and more paticular about the deer they decide to take. Most of the guys I work with they are like me and let small bucks walk in hope of taking that mature one and I think the one buck rule has helped everyone make that decision. Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:17:27 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Derrick S Grant Commentor County 22 Commentor State IN Commentor City Greenville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The one buck rule needs to go away. If you want to keep hunters in the field give them more of a reason to be out there. Most will not go out in gun season if they have tagged their buck with a bow!!!! If they can have a second buck they will be in the field and most of them will take does given the chance, But they have to be there to do it. Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:19:00 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Charles C. Stewart Commentor County Out of State Commentor State FL Commentor City Navarre Commentor Organization USAF/DOD Civilian Commentor Email Email Commentor</p>

Comment I am retired military. I grew up in Harrison County and return every year for approx 5 days to hunt with family even though I have to buy an out of state tag. I agree that Indiana hunters can only harvest one antlered Deer during the entire season. I hunt on private property. Over the years I have seen and harvested larger mature bucks due to this rule and would like to see it stay. If hunters would pass on the smaller bucks when hunting public land, they will see an increase in the size of Bucks within 3-5 years. If you want meat shoot Does. They are plenty.

Off Subject Issues:

Drop price on antlerless tags for non residents. Non Resident must buy a Buck Tag at regular cost but let them purchase an antlerless tag at resident price. If no buck tag is purchased non resident must pay full price for antlerless tag.

Allow the use of High Powered Rifles on private property (Except Magnums, i.e. 7mm Mag, 300 WM/RUM, 338 Lapua, etc).

**Thank you,
Charles Stewart
850 217-2047**

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:26:07 PM

Commentor Name Harry Rottger

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Auburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If u want to eat deer meat shoot a doe.Thank u

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:31:40 PM

Commentor Name Craig Prince

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brownstown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment the one buck rule from my experience has helped deer hunting in IN, not only does it make you be more picky and let certain young bucks walk in efforts to kill a mature buck but the caliber of bucks being killed in IN seemed to be getting better every year.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:32:17 PM

Commentor Name James T Papacek

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greentown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a deer hunter I like the on buck rule and think it should be continued. I believe it has made for more mature buck.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:35:15 PM

Commentor Name willie wireman
Commentor County 37
Commentor State IN
Commentor City wheatfield
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Youth should be allowed @2ND Buck, Residents only, and archery hunters who earn a buck first-. these are not significant numbers. Not everyone can hunt in urban areas or is it feasible for everyone to. Why don't you charge non-residents the same(reciprocal) they charge Indiana residents. It costs me over \$400 to be able to kill a buck in Ill.!!!
Time stamp 04/03/2012 06:48:47 PM

Commentor Name Rod Stafford
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please keep the one buck rule in effect without expiration!! This has helped the health of our deer herd tremendously, If you could ever see fit to implement EARN A BUCK, it would greatly increase REVENUE to the DNR! Thanks Rod Stafford
Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:06:19 PM

Commentor Name jeremy roderick
Commentor County 18
Commentor State IN
Commentor City parker city
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I personally have seen more bucks over the past 2 years then i have does. therefore on my experience i would like to see the rule changed to allow one buck during all archery seasons and one during all firearm seasons.
Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:49:30 PM

Commentor Name Holly Stewart
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Hudson
Commentor Organization None
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I feel the one buck rule needs to be changed. There are still too many deer. They need to at least increase it to two!
Time stamp 04/03/2012 07:57:53 PM

Commentor Name JEFF BARTON
Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN
 Commentor City VALPARAISO
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment THE ONE BUCK RULE HAS GOT TO REMAIN IN PLACE !!!! THERE'S ALREADY ENOUGH CHEATING GOING ON WITH THE URBAN ZONES AND POACHING IN GENERAL. IF WE OPEN IT BACK UP TO TWO BUCKS THAN THAT WILL SHRINK THE BOONE AND CROCKET POOL AND FUTURE POOL EVEN GREATER. THE NEW RULE ON CROSSBOWS IS GOING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GOOD BUCKS TAKEN AS IT IS AND EVEN MAKE IT EASIER FOR POACHERS BECASUE OF THE KILL RANGE DISTANCE AND QUIETNESS OF THE BOW IN GENERAL. IF ANYBODY IS GOOD WITH THE RULE CHANGE THAN THEY AREN'T VERY GOOD HUNTERS. THEY JUST WANT A SECOND CHANCE FOR THEIR FIRST MISTAKE. DONT LET THIS HAPPEN !!!!!
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:11:04 PM

Commentor Name Wayde R Sturgeon
 Commentor County 13
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City English
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think the one buck rule should stay in forever,the quality of our buck herd is improving.
 Another issue I would like to address is the phone call in deer check that other states are using. I feel this is a huge mistake. Too many dishonest hunters abuse this system by taking deer and not calling to check them.
 I know illegal taking of deer may never be completely stopped,but a call in deer check will make it easier for them.
 Thank you, Wayde
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:17:12 PM

Commentor Name H Hunter
 Commentor County 31
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Ramsey
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Its time to let Bowhunters kill 2 bucks! Please outlaw spotlighting like every other state around us has!
 Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:21:14 PM

Commentor Name Blane
 Commentor County 82
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Evansville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I guess I'm ok with the one buck rule. It causes hunters to be more picky, passing up on small bucks and waiting for the "Big One" to walk by. It also will cause a lot of hunters to go home empty handed after passing on the smaller deer and then not having another deer come along within range. I believe this would promote a deer population with more trophy size deer if that is what you're after. I believe that your other goal is to reduce deer herd size by the offering of antlerless bonus tags. Here is where I would make a change. Drop the price of bonus tags to \$15.00 to \$18.00 and you will sell more bonus antlerless tags and in turn reduce the number of does. I've talked to many hunters who wouldn't buy the bonus tags because of the price! They're happy with trying for a big buck with their one tag. I will often wait well into the second week of the firearms season before considering taking a doe and then run out and buy a bonus tag to take a doe and save my original tag incase I get a shot at a big buck at the end of the season. If the price was cheaper I would probably buy the tag up front!

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:23:59 PM

Commentor Name Aaron Scott Johnson

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am commenting on the one buck rule that is being brought up for discussion. I am a very firm believer in the one buck rule, and do not think that it needs to be changed. From what I have seen, there are still plenty of mature antlered deer being taken, but I do believe that increasing that number of bucks taken per year will dramatically decrease the number of mature bucks seen and taken. In the long run I think that changing to a 2 buck state will not be a positive choice for the future of deer hunting in Indiana. With the chance of very little mature bucks being taken with the 2 buck rule in effect, I think that there will be a very good chance of making what a "balanced deer herd" is now, into a very unbalanced, unhealthy deer herd after taking 2 bucks a year.

Thank you for you time reading my opinions.

Aaron Johnson

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:42:54 PM

Commentor Name Bradley e keller

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Petersburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that the one buck rule has increased the buck population and maturity of the bucks to allow them a better chance to grow to maturity. I feel the one buck rule should stand and and not be approved for the two bucks rule. If the two buck rule is approved again make it a earn the second buck tag for instance if u kill your first buck you must kill a doe to be able to harvest your second buck

Time stamp 04/03/2012 08:54:19 PM

Commentor Name Thomas Cecil

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fortville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hunt primamrily public ground. Before the rule took effect, if you saw a buck, you shot it because that was likely the only one you were going to see all season. With the rule, not only are we seeing more bucks, but the quality of the animals is on par with Illinois and some of the other "Big Buck" states. Please keep the rule. I want my kids to enjoy the same quality of hunting that I have enjoyed the last few years.

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:23:49 PM

Commentor Name randall j benjamin

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Versailles

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel the one buck rule has done wonders to the buck population I have seen first hand not only more bucks in one area but bigger bucks than what has been seen back in the 90's I think the one buck rule should stay in place and allow for only one buck to be taken the whole entire season

Time stamp 04/03/2012 09:58:53 PM

Commentor Name Dave Bauer

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ingalls

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a father with a 12 yr old son. My son started hunting 3 years ago and has been successful taking deer each season. The one buck rule has increased our sitings of mature bucks and made it much more interesting for a youngster. This is key to our continued success in attracting and retaining more young hunters. The liberal doe harvests are also great as we consider every doe harvested just as much a trophy. We talk about how the DNR uses their research to determine the size of Indiana's deer herd and changes bag limits to keep our herd healthy and that we have a responsibility to help with the effort.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 01:38:42 AM

Commentor Name Stephen Shue

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am happy with the one buck rule and I support the continuation of this rule.

<p>Thank You, Stephen Shue Time stamp 04/04/2012 01:47:12 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael Slabaugh Commentor County 20 Commentor State IN Commentor City Nappanee Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I wholeheartedly support this rule.I have definitely shot and seen bigger bucks since this rule has been in effect. Time stamp 04/04/2012 02:01:20 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name OBR Commentor County 76 Commentor State IN Commentor City Ashley Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Leave the one buck rule stand!!! If you want to do something that makes sence, lower the bonus antlerless harvest numbers, and certainly do away with the late antlerless gun season. Time stamp 04/04/2012 02:06:46 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Timothy G Ryker Commentor County 24 Commentor State IN Commentor City Batesville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would ask that you do not change the 1 buck rule. The results have been fantastic.Teh bcuks I have seen have been of better quality on the average, and the does provide teh meat we eat. We have come a long way in Indiana, and now seem to be taking steps backwards. The doe population is falling quite a bit I have noticed, and I hunt all over the southern part of the state. Let's continue making the sport better for the generations to come by keeping the 1 buck rule so the new hunters can enjoy the sight of a nice buck as often as we do now. Sincerely, Tim Ryker Time stamp 04/04/2012 02:30:25 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name jeffery paul hampson Commentor County 24 Commentor State IN Commentor City cedar grove Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe that this rule has been great for the deer population in Franklin Co. Do not want to see it changed. Stay with the one buck rule. Time stamp 04/04/2012 02:50:26 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Richard Batterson</p>

Commentor County 35
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Huntington
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I opose the one buck rule. I hunt multiple locations in Huntington Co. and and instead of more , bigger bucks I have seen the reverse less and smaller. The rule should be be one buck in arthery and one buck with a gun as it used to be. we all know this was about the farmers did not know deer damage from coon , and the insurance companies who want all the deer dead. Well that part is working our population is in severe decline.

CHANGE IT Thanks Richard

Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:24:37 AM

Commentor Name Ronald Lee Gasaway
Commentor County 31
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Elizabeth
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a avid deer hunter and would like to see the law changed to where a hunter could take a buck with bow or crossbow and one buck during the firearm season like it use to be. Since the one buck rule we have not found that the bucks in our area are more plenty full or that they are more mature with nicer racks.

Also, I would like to see the law changed to allow us to check a deer in by phone like in Kentucky. The current check in system is a hassle and I think the system that Kentucky is now using is much more efficient.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:26:32 AM

Commentor Name Brent Baumer
Commentor County 89
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Mooreland
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have no problem with the one buck rule. In my area there are far more does than bucks and relatively few mature bucks.

The one buck rule is actually a 1.5 buck rule when you include all the poachers, guys who's wives and children who allegedly harvest a buck, guys that don't check their bucks in if they aren't wall hangers and guys who simply don't check in any deer at all.

A two buck rule will end up being a 2.5 buck rule in reality due to the same factors.

I like the one buck rule and think it should stay.

Brent Baumer

Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:37:13 AM

Commentor Name Mark Klug

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Monroe

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I live and hunt in Adams county, the one buck rule should not be changed.

The buck th doe ratio in Adams is very offset 1 buck to 30 does. I would like to see counties like Adams go to a 4 point antler on one side for at lease 1-5 years to make hunters in this area shoot more does. My son and daughter and myself hunt, my kids have seen 4 bucks in 5 years of hunting and 300 does this number maybe on the low side.we see 6-12 at a timewhen hunting. we take does every year.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:43:43 AM

Commentor Name Joe Elleman

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Richmond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that the one buck rule has been great and it has increased the opportunities for hunters to take bucks that are older. I think this rule should continue. As long as people are able to take plenty of doe's, I do not see any reason to allow hunter to take more than one buck per year.

Thank you for allowing us to coment on this issue!

Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:11:06 AM

Commentor Name Mary Batterson

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the rule should be changed back to one buck with a bow and one with a gun. I hunt my own land and didn't even get a shot a one last year. our herd is very thin.

Change the rule Thanks

Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:18:00 AM

Commentor Name Tom Glaser

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mooreland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the one buck law has been great for the quality of bucks that are harvested in our area. My son is a taxidermist and the size and quality of the racks that come into his shop have increased amazingly. The hunters are very happy to get the opportunity to hunt quality bucks.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:28:00 AM

Commentor Name Arthur L. Brannon

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule in place. It is helping the development of better quality bucks. There are too many weekend wonders that shoot anything that looks like a buck. When I moved to Indiana in 1964 you could hardly find a deer. We have come a long way to improve deer and turkey hunting.

Keep the rule!

Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:41:04 AM

Commentor Name Virginia Richardson

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City French Lick

Commentor Organization Cane Creek Taxidermy

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the 1 buck rule should remain in effect. The quality of deer coming into my shop has greatly improved over the past 3 years. The reports coming in from the hunters are that although they are seeing a few more smaller bucks, if this rule is abolished many will not make it to a 3 year maturity. Thank you for allowing the public to give input on the various rules.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:55:11 AM

Commentor Name Ryan Williamson

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Batesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom it May Concern,

I grew up in Ohio where 1 buck a year is the norm. When I moved to Indiana at age 24 and started hunting I wondered where all the big bucks were I was used to seeing in Ohio. I hunted in Indiana for 3 years before the 1 buck rule came into effect. Since then, I've taken three really nice bucks (with a bow) and have seen bigger, older bucks with more frequency. I think the 1 buck rule is important to sustain an older population of bucks while at the same time drawing in out of state hunters like Illinois, KY, MO, Iowa does due to the potential of harvesting a really nice buck.

If the herd needs to be thinned out then add more doe tags. Or, if more than one buck can be harvested then put antler restrictions into law. There are many options out there such as earning a buck, etc. I just don't want to see the ability to simply kill 2 bucks go into effect. It'll dramatically cut down the older deer population and reduces out of state hunter's interests (and their funding) to hunt Indiana. The one buck rule makes Indiana an up and coming world class hunting destination.

Thank You,

Ryan Williamson

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:03:14 AM

Commentor Name Terry Hollis

Commentor County 13

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Milltown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see this law stay the same. I think it has helped to increase the number of bigger bucks in the state. Please vote to keep the one buck rule. Thank you.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:05:28 AM

Commentor Name Eric Smith

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization Dubois County Sportsmans Club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see a change in the 1 buck rule. Go back to the 1 buck with Archery and 1 buck with firearm. Or add, you have to harvest 2 does before you are eligible to harvest your 2nd buck. That would help in getting the doe population down.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:24:07 AM

Commentor Name George Webb

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Charlestown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have never understood why we can only kill 1 buck ---if we can kill as many as 40

deer in a season per person... in clark county its 8 deer every year...you have a small % of hunters who hunt for antlers only, and you have rewarded this group at the expense of the 85% who do not. tell the big rack hunters not to shoot a big deer every year, then there would more of them running through the woods.

A deer is a deer to eat...we as hunters do not eat Horns. If Indiana hunters are Hunting to just kill a Big Horned Deer ...They are hunting for the wrong reason and you as the DNR are setting regulations for the wrong reason...Adding an extra buck for Archery season would only add 10-15 thousand killed bucks per year to the total buck kill.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:41:16 AM

Commentor Name JOHN RYON MAGNUSON

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City ALBION

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this comment as my opinion on the one buck rule amendment. Since the one buck rule has been in place the quality of the deer heard has drastically increased.

I understand the pressure that the DNR receives from the community in regards to population control thus consider an alternative. Rather than increase the limit on the bucks, consider making Indiana a earn a buck state in those areas that require a reduction in population.

By making licensed hunters take a doe prior to earning their buck tag you will reduce the heard and by default increase the quality of bucks.

I have practiced this management stringently and have seen a drastic improvement.

Please look at the results of Wisconsin and their implementation of the earn a buck theory and look at the number of Pope and Young and Boone and Crockett harvests.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to have a voice in the decision. Have a blessed day.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:43:22 AM

Commentor Name Wes Boyd

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Indiana should absolutely continue the 1 buck rule. The number of better bucks is on the increase finally. Now if the poaching was under control...

Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:45:13 AM

Commentor Name Brooke Ellis

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mentone

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion, the one buck rule should be continued. This rule forces hunters to take only a mature buck. If hunters were allowed more than one buck, we may see more yearlings and button bucks being taken, preventing them from reaching full maturity and reproducing to their full potential.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:09:30 AM

Commentor Name Daniel J. Shaver

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I firmly believe that the trial period for the one buck rule in Indiana has had positive impacts on Indiana's deer heard. I have seen more and larger bucks since the rule has been in effect and I have harvested more does. This is good for both the deer herd and the hunters.

Please remove the expiration date for the one buck rule and keep the one buck rule in effect in Indiana. Applaud Fish and Wildlifes efforts to reduce indiana's deer herd by focusing hunting efforts on does.

Dan Shaver

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:32:49 AM

Commentor Name Donald R Ramsey

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rome City

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that the DNR does not listen to the real hunters and hunter organizations when rule changes are made. Too many hunters just want to shoot the first deer they see and keep the season too long as the DNR has done in the past.

However, allowing the harvest of only one buck has been good and should be made a permanent rule. Yes, too many small buck are shot, but I have seen an increase in the buck population and more larger bucks. KEEP THE RULE FOREVER.

THANKS

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:35:27 AM

Commentor Name jimmy v pease

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the one buck rule . I think two many are left do to unatractive racks .

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Commentor Name jimmy v pease

Commentor County 31

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Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the one buck rule . I think two many are left do to unatractive racks .

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:35:37 AM

Commentor Name jake

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City ft. wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Being an avid deer hunter, i feel the one buck rule is a good and valid law to be continued. It has made some hunters that used to shoot the first buck they saw and then wait to select a larger one with the second tag be more mindful of the only buck tag that they possess. It helps indiana to become a state that shows good mature buck harvest as well as show other states hoosier hunters are selective and involved in quality deer management. My feeling is if hunters want to kill more deer they need to take advantage of the doe harvest limits that are in effect. The argument of hunters wanting venison is not even valid with the amount of doe tags Indiana has made available.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:41:09 AM

Commentor Name Steven D. Kuhn

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Richmond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please keep the ruling of "One Buck Only"! I have seen more Bucks since the new ruling took affect a few years ago and also have seen more does.

I have hunted on my on property for 20 years now and this time is the best that I've seen for Deer Hunting in many years!

Please do not change a good thing that you have going!

Thank you,

Steven Kuhn

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:41:28 AM

Commentor Name william rheinhardt

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City elberfeld

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep as is.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:58:11 AM

Commentor Name Bryan Hansome

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Norman

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have seen NO difference in the number or quality of the bucks in my area with this restriction in place. I do not like the limit set this way I feel that the limit of one buck for archery and one for firearm season was much better. When the limit used to be one for each type of weapon I very seldom would shoot two bucks. I allowed the young bucks to walk and waited for a mature deer. I do hunt for meat as well as a trophy deer. I usually take a doe or two during the season. I feel like if you have the restriction of one, if you do shoot one in archery season you are pretty well done for the season. I would like to see this decision reversed.

Thanks you for allowing for comments on this issue.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:11:01 AM

Commentor Name michael arnett

Commentor County 60

Commentor State IN

Commentor City spencer

Commentor Organization hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment KEEP THE ONE BUCK RULE.. PERIOD. YOU SHOULD EVEN THINK ABOUT ANTLER RESTRICTIONS.... JUST NOT FOR YOUTH AND FIRST TIME HUNTERS. THANKS

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:13:27 AM

Commentor Name Chris Cobb

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Depauw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of extending the one buck rule. I do believe this rule has changed the age structure of bucks and know it is very common to see bucks that are 2-3 years old. Please keep the one buck rule. I only wish that the gun season would be shortened or spread out over 2 dates like Illinois or Iowa.

Keep up the great work!

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:13:49 AM

Commentor Name RONALD RILEY

Commentor County 62

Commentor State IN

Commentor City TELL CITY

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the rule !

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:15:17 AM

Commentor Name Norman L Chastain Jr.

Commentor County 74

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Grandview

Commentor Organization Hunters World Taxidermy

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In the past 4 yrs our deer are getting larger racks and necks during rut, i have mounted more 145 classnto 154 class deer and the hunters are enjoying this.

1 last comment i really dont care what the biologist say but are deer herd in spencer co. have dropped since we were hit by the hemiragic disease 5 seasons ago, do not change anything it will be a big mistake

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:19:17 AM

Commentor Name Randy Fahrlander

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Yes I think an additional buck could and should be allowed. I have an other idea to share. My friend and I Like to shoot and donate deer to the needy. I think it is crazy to pay 26.00 to help feed the needy. I am out of work and it is bad enough now I can not donate the meat because of the price of tags. Maybe the state can get enough sucker to bite at this but I am out. Please look into this.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:28:32 AM

Commentor Name Andrew Thomas Hass

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lizton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i strongly support the one buck rule however the new language is concerning. "one antlered deer from start of archery season one calendar year to the end of archery season the following calendar year" is ambiguous and could be taken to effectively span two full fall seasons. Please consider clarifying this wording.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:37:34 AM

Commentor Name Scott Humphreys

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City new palestine

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If only One antlered deer is allowed to be taken, then a person should only have to buy One antlered deer tag that is good for all seasons.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 08:20:52 AM

Commentor Name Matthew David Mitchell

Commentor County 90

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ossion

<p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment Regarding the one buck rule, please continue the rule as it is currently implemented. I am an avid whitetail hunter and I feel it has produced more quality bucks in northeast IN where I hunt. I firmly believe that this rule works better than point or spread restrictions to manage for quality bucks. Especially with the new regulations regarding crossbows, I will be very dissappointed if this rule is not extended.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/04/2012 08:34:01 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Julian Hoten</p> <p>Commentor County 19</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Huntingburg</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I truly believe the one buck rule should be suspended and it go back to a two buck rule. Their has been no solid evidence of this helping to improve our deer herd. Prior to the one buck rule, the number of hunters who killed more than one buck was a very low number.</p> <p>If you truly want a better class of bucks move to a rule of it has to have 8 pts on a buck or 4 pts on a side before being harvested (or 6 total pts or 3 on a side).</p> <p>Time stamp 04/04/2012 08:37:12 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Emerson Tiller</p> <p>Commentor County 37</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Demotte</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment My wife and I both support the one buck bill.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/04/2012 09:21:45 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Kenneth Henderson</p> <p>Commentor County 87</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Boonville</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I would like to see Indiana go back to a 2 buck rule, one for archery and one for firearm. The archery hunters were not putting a hurt on the buck population to begin with. Please re-instate the 2 buck limit.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/04/2012 09:25:29 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Edward Garza</p> <p>Commentor County 45</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p>

Commentor City Valparaiso
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment To whom it may concern:

My thoughts are to have a 2 buck rule, one for archery (first season only) and one for any firearm.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 09:30:56 AM

Commentor Name William Charles Davis
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City anderson
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the one buck law. I have seen more nice bucks than i have ever seen before. Please keep the one buck a season.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 09:41:14 AM

Commentor Name Kevin Corr
Commentor County 71
Commentor State IN
Commentor City South Bend
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of keeping the one buck rule. It has increased the number of mature deer in the deer woods which brings more hunters and revenue to the state and local business.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:03:08 AM

Commentor Name Jerry Mosley
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City paragon
Commentor Organization private
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think The One buck rule has been a great asset in growing bigger and better Bucks. I would love to see it go another year to see what the state of Indiana can really grow. I had the luck of seeing some of the biggest bucks last year I have ever seen but was unable to harvest one. Who knows maybe this year. Keep up the good work Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:20:59 AM

Commentor Name Rick Frame
Commentor County 81
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Liberty
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in complete favor of the continuation of the one buck rule. Our deer herd has never been healthier and more mature while still controlling the population. We operate a deer check station and we have never seen such a healthy deer herd as there is presently. I hope the one buck rule continues

Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:35:12 AM

Commentor Name Charles Jones

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mitchell

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I say let the one buck rule expire .I have never liked it .If you want bigger bucks put a limit on antler size .It penalizes archery hunters .

Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:49:33 AM

Commentor Name Billy R.Hankins

Commentor County 68

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Union City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment One buck a year is enough in my county. Our deer numbers are as low as I have ever seen them. We rabbit and coyote hunt alot. I see a lot of area. Have noticed this trend for the last 2 years.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:53:19 AM

Commentor Name Timothy G. Coy

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Trafalgar

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe the one buck rule needs to continue, I have seen and increase of the size of bucks in my area and in other areas of Indiana. For the Bucks of Indiana to continue in size the one buck rule is a must, but I also believe that the firearm season needs to be decreased in length. I have hunted Illinois and Ohio, the size of the deer in those two states are much greater than ours of Indiana. For our Bucks to become true trophies we must give our bucks a fighting chance with a SHORTER Firearm season and KEEP the one buck rule! With true TROPHY deer in Indiana would mean an increase of Non Resident Hunters and maybe a chance for a decrease in the amount of cost for Resident Hunters. I have a Life Time License, since 1995, but I have two Sons that Like to Hunt and Fish and would like to see the cost of License go down for Resident Hunters.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 11:40:37 AM

Commentor Name STEVE ADAMS

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City EVANSVILLE

Commentor Organization BLACKHAWK BOWHUNTERS
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment PLEASE YOU NEED TO KEEP THE ONE BUCK RULE PERMANENT IN OUR STATE WHERE I HUNT YOU JUST DO NOT SEE THE BUCKS THAT ARE BEING REPORTED THE ONE BUCK RULE HAS HELPED THE SURROUNDING STATES WITH MANAGING THE DEER HERDS TO GREAT LEVELS WE COULD LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. MAKE IT PERMANENT ONE BUCK RULE FOREVER.
Time stamp 04/04/2012 11:48:01 AM

Commentor Name Greg Brown
Commentor County 8
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Delphi
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please keep the one buck rule. It is for the benefit of all hunters statewide.

Thank you.
 Greg
Time stamp 04/04/2012 11:48:26 AM

Commentor Name michael a jackson
Commentor County 90
Commentor State IN
Commentor City bluffton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment In order to control the deer population it would seem natural to remove more bucks. Maybe during the youth hunt as to give the youth more opportunities while limiting an overkill.
Time stamp 04/04/2012 11:58:42 AM

Commentor Name Matt Stemle
Commentor County 19
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Jasper
Commentor Organization QU
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think they should stay with the one buck rule or continue it. I have only been around long enough to enjoy deer hunting for about 10 years, and in those 10 years with the one buck rule i have noticed a lot more mature bucks. It gives some of the younger bucks a chance to grow. I think it also keeps the buck to doe ratio some what close or at least better than if you could shoot 2 bucks. I love the rule and hope it never gets changed!
Time stamp 04/04/2012 12:22:02 PM

Commentor Name Robert Scott Wilson
Commentor County 65
Commentor State IN

<p>Commentor City Mt. Vernon Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Yes I strongly support the 1 buck rule to continue in Indiana for many more years. I think it will help more bucks to reach maturity that more hunters are wanting to see. Time stamp 04/04/2012 12:29:32 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Eugene J Bowers Commentor County 35 Commentor State IN Commentor City Huntington Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I am in favor or retaining the "one buck" rule in our state. I am a deer hunter and farmland owner and believe the quality of antlered deer in my area has improved since allowing the harvesting of only one buck per hunter per year. Thank you for your consideration. Eugene Bowers Time stamp 04/04/2012 12:32:58 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Deer "one buck" amendment Commentor County 85 Commentor State IN Commentor City Roann Commentor Organization Studying Recreation management @ Huntington U Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The "one buck" rule has single handly placed Indiana into consideration to be mentioned in the same category as our neighbors in the Midwest. The only logical option (if mature animal harvest is key) to change this rule would be to move gun season back. Before the rule hunters were not required to be disciplined enough to wait for a "trophy". Yes It would be enjoyable to shoot two bucks, but what do all hunters dream of? A monster buck! The one buck rule is bennificial for everyone. Meat hunters can still fill their freezer, and trophy hunters can still chase that trophy. Also, out of state hunters number will decrease once the ages of deer start to drop, therefore decreasing economical benifits from hunting. Illinois brings in around \$500 for each individual coming from out of state, just to harvest a trophy. Their rules allow for two bucks to be harvested, but they have a later and shorter gun season. They maintain numbers and produce some of the largest deer in the rule. If Indiana wants to keep up with them in both number control and trophies, then either keep the one buck rule or move gun season back. Time stamp 04/04/2012 12:36:32 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Cole Heichelbech Commentor County 19 Commentor State IN Commentor City Jasper Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I fully support the one buck rule remaining in place. Our deer herd is a natural</p>

resource and should be managed for the overall quality of the herd. After spending roughly 150-200 hours in a tree stand each and every fall for the past 10 years I have seen first hand the difference this rule has made in improving the adult sex ratio of our herd. It has also allowed more bucks to achieve maturity and reach their full potential. Mature bucks used to be a rarity in our state and thankfully with your efforts this is no longer true. Hunter opportunity has been maximized as can be seen by the record harvest numbers as well as the dramatic increase of entries of bucks into the record books. Keep the one buck rule! It has improved the hunting for every deer hunter as well as helped keep hunters and their dollars in our state!

Time stamp 04/04/2012 01:00:20 PM

Commentor Name Tim GRiffin

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rosedale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The OBR was put into place to try and get more people to shoot antlerless deer. What it has done is allow more people to manage there property for larger antlers. It has also brought more ground to be leased by hunters. The state needs to make up its mind as to what they want. With the bigger antlers comes more leasing and less hunters, in turn means less money to the state and more for the land owner. Since I dont own ground, I will not Pay for a place to hunt in my home state. I can pay license fees in other states with plenty of public ground and more liberal bag limits for the same price indiana want me as a resident to pay. If indiana really wants to reduce the herd and increase profit from license sales, then the OBR should be out the door. Raise the price of out of state tags.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 02:52:08 PM

Commentor Name Trevor Stang

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brookville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Where do I start, when I first read this article I thought you have to be kidding me. Why would you change something that has been good for Indiana hunting? Not only that but that buck to doe ratio is way out of wack anyways, if anything i think the state of Indiana should go to the earn a buck program. Look what it has done for Wisconsin. The bottom line is that we dont need people killing two immature bucks because these are the only people that will kill two, and those people need to shot does to help balance the ratio.

Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:13:58 PM

Commentor Name Joe Mitchener

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crown Point

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think this rule should remain in effect. Although I did not like it when it came out, I have seen larger deer since its inception. I know it has forced myself and the 9 guys I hunt with to be more selective in our harvest knowing we only get one buck. We are more likely to take a doe to put meat in the freezer and then hope for the "big one" to walk by.
Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:21:22 PM

Commentor Name GARY L WHITE
Commentor County 10
Commentor State IN
Commentor City CHARLESTOWN
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment CONTINUE WITH THE ONE BUCK RULE
Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:56:38 PM

Commentor Name Charles Paddock
Commentor County 23
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Covington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment When the rule was 2 bucks I killed 2 bucks almost every year but when it switched to 1 buck it made a huge difference in the size & age of our deer herd I am all for the 1 buck rule if I need to kill a deer I can kill plenty of does.
Time stamp 04/04/2012 03:57:53 PM

Commentor Name Daniel Travis
Commentor County 6
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lebanon
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of extending this rule. I would see larger bucks and we will get them if we continue to kill all the small ones.
Time stamp 04/04/2012 04:55:15 PM

Commentor Name Andrew D. Weisgerber
Commentor County 79
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lafayette
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment First, I am HIGHLY in favor of keeping the one buck rule as is.

Secondly, for what it is worth, I am against allowing crossbow use during the early archery season.

Thank you
Time stamp 04/04/2012 05:27:18 PM

Commentor Name charles d freed
 Commentor County 47
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City mitchell
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment i thank the rule should be changed to at least be legal to take 2 bucks a year
 Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:08:03 PM

Commentor Name David Clemons Jr.
 Commentor County 31
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City palmyra
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I do not like the one buck rule. The rule only affects one season hunters. I am sure that if I were only a gun hunter I would support the one buck rule. In theory, this would mean less hunters or less deer killed by bow hunters which means more for gun hunters. I have just about quit bow hunting because I do not want to kill out before going hunting with family during gun season.
 Time stamp 04/04/2012 06:53:10 PM

Commentor Name Chad wininger
 Commentor County 82
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City E vansville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I think the one buck rule has lead to bigger bucks within the state and I really hope the rule continues.
 Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:00:41 PM

Commentor Name Brandon J Campbell
 Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Churubusco
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I believe the one buck rule is a good thing in moderiation. For a Five year on Five year off is what I personally believe we need. First couple years I was seeing bigger buck. However now I am seeing alot of bigger broken bucks and alot of half racks that need then from the heard. However with an only on buck rule I will not take this deer out of the heard.. Also It only takes a couple years for bucks to mature and to many mature bucks is a problem to, because they are breaking their racks off and lots of bruised up meet.

Thank you
 brandon campbell

<p>Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:11:27 PM</p> <p>Commentor Name Troy B. Adams Commentor County 87 Commentor State IN Commentor City Boonville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would like to see the one buck rule remain in place indefinitely. please make this change. Time stamp 04/04/2012 07:53:51 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Cameron Wright Commentor County 49 Commentor State IN Commentor City Indianapolis Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I have always supported the "1 Buck" rule and I firmly believe that we should adopt this Rule as a permanent requirement for the state of Indiana. In my personel experience of hunting Indiana for 40 years, I believe our Bucks are bigger, older and more abundant because of this rule. Thank you for your time and interest. Time stamp 04/04/2012 08:24:37 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Daniel L Montgomery Commentor County 65 Commentor State IN Commentor City Mt Vernon Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I prefer to keep the one buck rule. I believ since starting this rule there are a lot more large rack bucks. Deer hunting to me is not how many bucks you can kill. Make hunter shoot more does. Time stamp 04/04/2012 10:18:10 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Dwayne Boggs Commentor County Out of State Commentor State IN Commentor City Wabash Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Assumming all this is to reduce deer heard then to allow another buck ...TWO antlerless deer must be taken before 2nd buck. The one buck rule , I think, brings more money into IN. Why, people are starting to rent property as private hunting areas. The downside is this restricts hunting for other folks that can't afford to pay to hunt. I like the one buck rule...but I currently have private ground to hunt on for FREE Time stamp 04/05/2012 12:36:04 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Wesley Wilburn Commentor County 33</p>

Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Knightstwn
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment i feel the one buck rule is great for Indiana. The only thing i would really change is the antler restriction, i feel that there should be at least 4 points on one side. i think the deer age would increase giving more hunters an opportunity at an older more mature buck. I know not everyone cares about points. i just feel the deer should have a chance to grow a few years. thanks for your time.
 Time stamp 04/05/2012 01:43:47 AM

Commentor Name timmy j fields
 Commentor County 3
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City columbus
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment KEEP the one buck rule
 Time stamp 04/05/2012 04:33:27 AM

Commentor Name Phil Seng
 Commentor County 71
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City South Bend
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I am in favor of continuing the one buck rule. I have seen a noticeable increase in the number of larger bucks since inception of the rule. Well done.
 Time stamp 04/05/2012 05:08:05 AM

Commentor Name Chad Martin
 Commentor County 18
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Muncie
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment To lift the one-buck rule considering the suceess the program is having would be absolutely ludacris. Numbers of larger deer since the rule implementation has expounded exponentially. Indiana is now listed #7 on the all-time B&C list and i feel it has direct correlation to only being allowed to harvest one buck. It makes hunters more selective allowing youger deer to survive and have the chance at becoming mature.

 My vote it to KEEP THE ONE-BUCK RULE IN PLACE!

 Chad Martin
 Time stamp 04/05/2012 06:03:25 AM

Commentor Name Stephen R Hudson
 Commentor County 30

<p> Commentor State IN Commentor City Greenfield Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I feel this rule SHOULD expire. With the price of licenses, equipment, gas, and time invested we should be able to harvest one buck in archery which included crossbows, and one buck with any type of firearms. If you want to continue to take in more MONEY ADD a second BUCK. Time stamp 04/05/2012 06:21:43 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name gary sprouls Commentor County Out of State Commentor State IN Commentor City warsaw Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment one buck rule is good for Indiana. Shoot a doe if you need meat Time stamp 04/05/2012 06:55:08 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Tyrail J. Cottrell Commentor County 83 Commentor State IN Commentor City Hillsdale Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I am in favor of keeping the one buck rule. My area has a seen a tremendous increase in the size of bucks in recent years. If we continue to grow big bucks in Indiana we should see more out of state tags purchased to hunt them which means increased funds for the state. I also think it makes people take better shots. They know they only have one chance at a good buck so you have to make your shot count. Time stamp 04/05/2012 07:37:11 AM </p>
<p> Commentor Name scott brandenburg Commentor County 81 Commentor State IN Commentor City brownsville Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I believe that the state should look at the chnge to the one buck rule as an opportunity to increase revenue within the DNR and provide a select group of hunters that are avid hunters the additional hunting hours that could be provided by a "second" anterered tag. This tag could be set up as a "trophy" tag with a six point or better rule and could only be purchased after filling the original buck tag. Adding the equivilent "non-resident" cost for the tag would increase the revenue to the DNR and keep those early successful hunters in the field and spending those dollars in the field. It's a provent statistic that the more hours </p>

a hunter spends in the field the more money is spent. Food, clothing, ammunition and travel expenses.

This would also increase the number of hunters coming in from outside the state due to the option of a "second" buck tag offering. Indiana is starting to get a "guided hunter" service started and this would be a huge draw from outside hunters and increased revenue for the guides.

Even if this "trophy" tag was restricted to private property with express written permission. Previously the second buck was an archery only option. I say level the playing field and make the trophy tag a any weapon option.

I am an avid deer hunter who enjoys deer hunting and killing a buck and would be willing to pay the additional dollars the occasional season that I was fortunate to kill my buck early. I know it would increase my hunting hours if I could take a second buck.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 08:05:09 AM

Commentor Name Mike Tichenor

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization Deep River Bowmen

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We have lengthened the season and added bonus county permits and urban zones and our deer population is still expanding. I believe upholding the one-buck rule is in the best interest of the deer population and the people of Indiana. A one buck limit puts more pressure on the does. Shooting does helps reduce the population more effectively than shooting bucks. It also produces better bucks and a stronger deer herd since more bucks survive to grow to maturity. Keep the one-buck rule.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 08:11:48 AM

Commentor Name Richard Fassino

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bedford

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment One buck rule is good, however why not expand the length of gun season. Thanks-----Rick

Time stamp 04/05/2012 08:52:10 AM

Commentor Name Adam Burk

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenwood

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the rule expire. My suggestion would be two antlered deer per year, one during firearms season and one during the other seasons.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:15:28 AM

Commentor Name Gregory Carroll sr.

Commentor County 50
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Plymouth
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like us to stay with the one buck rule. I feel that the buckes are not the problem as I have heard.(because of antler growth bucks do more damage to crops then does) This i feel is not a true statement In my observations the doe who is carrying a fawn or fawns needs more food for the development of the fetus than a buck needs for antler growth. also does will continue to cycle until bred so to reduce the herd killing more bucks is not hte answer.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:18:17 AM

Commentor Name Michael Saalfrank
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fremont
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the one buck rule during the entire season of deer hunting. Best idea you have had.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:19:59 AM

Commentor Name Mervin Miller
Commentor County 20
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bristol
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I beleive that the one buck Rule has been a geat rule to help allow the Indiana bucks a chance to grow bigger, i believe that Indiana now has a lot more trophy bucks available now due to the one Buck Rule..

I would like to see it left in place for at least for another 5 years and then look at it again. or just leave it in place for good..

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:32:53 AM

Commentor Name Rick A Wilson
Commentor County 50
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Culver
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I continue to support the one buck rule, I belive it should stay that way throughout the entire hunting season. I am an avid outdoorsman and belive we need to protect our resources as needed so that the future of our sport continues. I am a trophy hunter like many of our Indiana residents and my friends are, we practice selective harvest when needed to control our deer herds. We dont need politicians to help us do what we have

been doing for years.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:35:04 AM

Commentor Name William Eugene LaVigne

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hunt exclusively on the Pigeon River area. I can remember when it was legal to take 3 bucks per season. I had just as many opportunities to take deer then as now. The idea of "Is it big enough to shoot"? That should be an individual choice. I'm in favor of allowing more than one buck per season.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 09:35:13 AM

Commentor Name Sean Pellman

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Floyds Knobs

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been hunting several years and attempt to harvest a good mature buck each year. Do to the fact I want to harvest a mature buck I let several young bucks walk on by me and i recommed this to any one who wants a heathly mature deer herd. I would like the see the one buck law stay the same so that maybe more people will pass on the smaller younger deer and wait for a mature one instead, i think if we allow hunters to kill mutiple bucks then people will no longer care about managemant and just kill whatever walks by with antlers. Hope everyone takes all this into consideration.

Thanks, Conserved Indiana Hunter

Time stamp 04/05/2012 10:22:11 AM

Commentor Name Donald Elpers

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If the deer herd in Indiana can support it I do not think it would be a bad idea to allow a trial period of allowing a second buck to be taken but I feel the second buck should be on the earn a buck system. Sure let the first deer taken by a regular archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license but require the harvesting of a doe before the second buck is allowed to be taken. Lets put equal playing ground just like required in the urban zone hunting and not allow 2 bucks to be taken without the doe requirement being fullfiled first.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 10:32:56 AM

Commentor Name Rodney Nissley

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pierceton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would be in favor of continuing the one buck rule only because the dnr did not make the gun season later after the rut. This would have been my first choice
Time stamp 04/05/2012 12:28:13 PM

Commentor Name Wesley Frame
Commentor County 68
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lynn
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am an avid whitetail deer hunter and have been doing so for the last 15 years of my life. I also am a whitetail deer enthusiast that enjoys reading articles about hunting as well as the latest research being done with these animals in our world today. I recently read a research article based on the size of the whitetail deer in Indiana and where it is headed in the near future. The article showed that both body weight and overall rack size has increased in just the last 5 years, and believe this is due to the "One-Buck rule" that is presently set in place in Indiana at this time. Also, by personal experience, I have seen bigger and healthier deer in last 5 years than I have ever seen in the past, and I would have to give this rule credit for those experiences. It is needless to say that I completely, 100%, absolutely agree with the One Buck Rule and feel that it is extremely crucial for the future deer population of the great state of Indiana.
Time stamp 04/05/2012 12:35:15 PM

Commentor Name Thomas C. Russell
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fort Wayne
Commentor Organization none
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of continuing the one buck rule. I believe it helps trophy quality. It also gives the hunter who can't spend more than a few days during the year hunting a better opportunity to kill a buck.
Time stamp 04/05/2012 12:54:16 PM

Commentor Name Alan Fordeck
Commentor County 57
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Kendallville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I have been hunting deer and farming in Indiana since the 70's. I know what the population looks like when it is out of control. Last year we had the lowest population I have seen in recent years yet you continue to expand the quantity that can be harvested. I also remember as a an adolescent when Indiana had no deer. Is that what you want to return to? My family hunts to suppliment our food budget, not for the sake of killing. I do

not want the limits expanded.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 01:18:25 PM

Commentor Name Jerry M Brinkman

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Over the years, I have gone out of my way to take does to help meet the INDNR herd balance needs. I've passed numerous small bucks on farms where the owner wants the deer population reduced regardless of sex, due to the fact that I don't want to waste my ONE buck tag on a young buck. I shoot all the does that I am allowed in my county, knowing that most other hunters refuse to a doe for fear that it will prevent that BIG BUCK from coming along. Most years I donate up to 6 deer to local churches and the local Light House Mission while eating my buck tag for lack of seeing a respectable (by my standards) buck. With the opportunity of taking two bucks, I will fill a tag early in the season with a meat buck, knowing that I still have the chance to bag a bigger one as the seasons go by. I see more bucks than does on some farms, but am forced to pass them up for the given reasons. I vote two bucks with any legal weapon of the hunters' choice. If need be, set the rule that after taking the first buck, the hunter must take 1-2 does before taking the second buck.

Time stamp 04/05/2012 03:34:03 PM

Commentor Name Jeffrey L. Kuntz

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think they should stick with the one buck rule. And even buck antler size like nothing smaller than 100 class or 6 points

Time stamp 04/05/2012 04:22:52 PM

Commentor Name Chris Turner

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City columbia city

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment At first i was not for this rule,but as time went on i have been seeing more and bigger bucks,the bucks that i would normaly shoot i let walk cause i know i will see one bigger(most of the time)the area i hunt gets alot of pressure and this rule allows some of the bucks to make it through to next season.I am all for this rule to continue.

thanks,

chris turner

Time stamp 04/05/2012 04:40:00 PM

Commentor Name Robert Oeding

<p> Commentor County 19 Commentor State IN Commentor City Ferdinand Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment keep the rule the same. Not enough doe's are being shot the way it is. Time stamp 04/05/2012 05:26:49 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Chae Michael Uhlemann Commentor County 46 Commentor State IN Commentor City LaPorte Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would like to see the one buck per year stay in effect. I know of too many people who shoot a small buck early in the year and do not check it in because they want the chance to shoot a bigger buck throughout the season. If this one buck changes to where hunters can shoot more than one buck, there is a chance they would shoot that limit, plus more where they do not check in a buck. Time stamp 04/05/2012 06:41:40 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Perry L. Cole Commentor County 6 Commentor State IN Commentor City Jamestown Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Time to return to the one legal buck during archery season and one legal buck during firearms season. Time stamp 04/05/2012 07:20:14 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Jerry Phillips Commentor County 49 Commentor State IN Commentor City Indianapolis Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Keep the rule in place. So we can have more trophy bucks to hunt . Time stamp 04/05/2012 07:59:11 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Steven Michael Commentor County 37 Commentor State IN Commentor City Wheatfield Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think they should keep the rule. Not only does it create a better buck to doe ratio it also helps with bigger bucks. I personally hunt private property, but the people hunting public land have a better chance of bagging a good buck. I like the rule. It keeps </p>

people from going out and just shooting everything that passes by.
Time stamp 04/05/2012 08:26:35 PM

Commentor Name Russ Sonaty
Commentor County 56
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fair Oaks
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like for the one buck rule to remain in effect. It has helped produce more and bigger bucks and is essential in keeping Indiana on the right path in terms of Quality Deer management.
Time stamp 04/06/2012 12:57:46 AM

Commentor Name James c Benjamin
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Spencerville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please reinstate the "one buck rule". the one buck rule has made a great impact on the quality of deer hunting in Indiana. In the last few years the buck population has improved greatly and the size of the bucks are above average. Last year I interduced my future son-in-law to the sport of Deer Hunting, and he is now "hooked" for life. I believe the quality of the deer population was a huge factor. Thanks.
Time stamp 04/06/2012 03:41:24 AM

Commentor Name Terry Max Dick
Commentor County 53
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bloomington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment KEEP THE RULE!!!
Time stamp 04/06/2012 04:12:46 AM

Commentor Name joseph scott hutter
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City angola
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I have been a big fan of the one buck rule. If people would like to shoot 2 bucks, maybe do the drawing system like what Indiana use to use 20 years ago. But I think it is producing better deer. This is helping teach the young hunters (And some old hunters) to wait for the right shot, and the right deer, Its not like our deer numbers have dropped since we took this law . We could also do like other states do, make it so you have to take an 8 pt. or larger, before you can take a second buck. (This is only if we drop the one buck rule) I also think we should open control hunts in state parks for the youth (with an adult) this

way some of these kids can learn how to hunt with out worring about all the other hunters. We want our youth to get more involved in the outdoors, this is the best way for them to do this.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 05:14:03 AM

Commentor Name Stanley Brewster

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Petersburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think you should be able to take one buck in Archery one buck in firearm and one buck in muzzleloader season. With that said you may need to look at each county to see how the buck to doe is but if you pay the full price for each season then you should have that chose or if you pay full price for one buck then you should only need to pay the \$15.00 dollars for the antlerless tag . Why i say this is if you are hunter like me i am looking for the best buck and i take one in archery season that is a mature buck but in muzzleloader season a buck of a life time comes by you can't take it. May if you allow more than one buck you can make it that the hunter has got to give one of the deers to feed the homeless that is one way to help the ones that need help all of us here in the great state of INDIANA.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 05:35:00 AM

Commentor Name Nathan Tipton

Commentor County 7

Commentor State IN

Commentor City morgantown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am an avid deer hunter mainly archery but also some gun. I am in favor of KEEPING the One buck rule. There are plenty of antlerless deer and tags for extra meat or hunting opportunities in my opinion. The age class of the herd is improving and I would like to see that trend continue.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 05:59:44 AM

Commentor Name One Buck Rule

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Liberty

Commentor Organization Hoosier Record Buck Program

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The One Buck Rule has been a tremendously successful experience for Indiana hunters. In my opinion, its only negative effect has been to increase the hunting pressure on the doe population across Indiana. I think the doe population has been lowered statewide to the point where everyone I know reported seeing fewer deer (translates into fewer does) during the 2011 deer seasons.

Please eliminate the never ending expiration date(s) for the one buck rule. At its inception,

it was an experiment. It is now beyond the experimental stage.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 07:28:27 AM

Commentor Name thomas johnson

Commentor County 44

Commentor State IN

Commentor City orland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with the one buck rule. I would like to see it end . I feel it teaches the wrong lesson to our young hunters .Hunting is not about the biggest set of antlers . I have deer hunted for over 50 yrs. and i have seen a lot of changes in the hunt and this trophy hunting sends the wrong message. Also as far as bait goes whats the diff. between a pile of apples or a guy planting food plots of attractants then hunting over them !! They r planted to only attract deer . Same rules should apply they should b removed or b illegal.

.....Tom

Time stamp 04/06/2012 08:42:24 AM

Commentor Name Jim Norton

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Washington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I live in Daviess County in southern Indiana. After serving in the United States Navy, I returned home in 2008. I mostly hunt on public land(Glendale DNR), I have been amazed with the LACK of deer I have seen over the last 4 yrs. I have talked with land owners, DNR workers and they all say the same.....numbers seem to be down. The 2011 season was the most I have hunted of any year but it was worse. I hunted archery, gun, muzzleloader and seen a total of 3 deer all year. A lot of hunters I talked with, said the same thing. I just don't see the number of deer I am used to seeing.

I think the One Buck Rule needs to stay in place. I am hoping with the very mild winter, maybe numbers will be up this year.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 10:57:38 AM

Commentor Name Terry L. Crow

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This past year I hunted archery and muzzleloader, and hunted alot. The buck to doe was 8 to one. That's 8 bucks, for every doe. I hunted mostly at Roush Fish and Wildlife. I think two bucks would be fine. Thanks for all that you do.

Time stamp 04/06/2012 11:33:04 AM

Commentor Name robert l cox

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

<p>Commentor City thornstown, in Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment 1 Buck Rule: probably one of the BEST things to happen in Indiana for deer hunting. the deer are getting bigger, and we seem to have a larger heard of mature bucks in the field. i hunt in switzerland county on private property and 10 years ago you were luck to see a "trophy" buck. this past season alone i saw 2 bucks besides the one i took that i would have been PROUD to hang on the wall...they will be even BIGGER next season. the only reccomendation i would have is: to better control the doe population, why not offer a tag that would be good for the limit of doe's in their respective county. hunters would be more likely to take doe's if they didn't have to spend 24 dollars for the first one and 15 more for each additional doe. we already spend 24 for archery, firearm, and muzzleloader tags + urban tag for many hunters. add that to the day or 2 off work (or week), gas money, and processing the meat...it adds up real fast. if you make doe hunting more affordable, we meat eaters will take more doe's, and will continue to wait ever patiently for the 1 trophy buck. i vote to KEEP the 1 buck rule, and make doe hunting more economic. Time stamp 04/06/2012 11:43:48 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name James Baker Commentor County 81 Commentor State IN Commentor City Liberty Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I think we should keep the "one buck" rule. Time stamp 04/06/2012 11:47:00 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael McCrea Commentor County 76 Commentor State IN Commentor City Angola Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment There are way too many deer and there way too many car deer accidents, some of which that have caused loss of life and a very high cost of vehicle damage resulting in higher insurance rates. Also, if you are a property owner and the deer are damaging your landscaping or crops you should be able to cull the deer herd just like you would your livestock. I do not believe that the deer are owned by everyone in the state, but that they are the burden to the people who feed them. Time stamp 04/06/2012 12:55:47 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael J. Scheidt Commentor County 45 Commentor State IN Commentor City Crown Point</p>

<p>Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Having to wait for that "one special deer" sure does encourage self discipline. However, waiting for that "one" often results in no antlered deer taken. I believe that a system similar to Wisconsin's "earn a buck" would work well. Time stamp 04/06/2012 02:25:16 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Frank Collins Commentor County 23 Commentor State IN Commentor City Veedersburg Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment If you want to continue the one buck rule. One buck tag should be good for all seasons. Time stamp 04/06/2012 03:55:24 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name George Kallas Commentor County 45 Commentor State IN Commentor City Gary Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The one buck rule is not going to achieve what you want. the majority of bow hunters do not shoot enough Does due to the majority of the bowhunters are not late season hunters. Open the archery season in September, even if Doe only, and you will see the doe population shrink. Another method would be to allow a second buck only if a hunter could prove he shot a doe prior. Time stamp 04/06/2012 05:16:13 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Michael Heastan Commentor County 2 Commentor State IN Commentor City Fort Wayne Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment This is a GREAT rule and needs to continue. I also believe the DNR should add to that rule, that the buck should have at least 4 points to be LEGAL. Maybe we could see more trophy bucks in Indiana. Thanks Much Keep up the good work! Michael Heastan Time stamp 04/06/2012 05:32:14 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Ben Morrow Commentor County 88 Commentor State IN</p>

Commentor City Pekin
 Commentor Organization resident
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Leave the one buck rule in place. It has made for better quality buck hunting
 Time stamp 04/06/2012 06:35:02 PM

Commentor Name Donald Gene May
 Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State MI
 Commentor City Troy
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I am an owner of a 125 acre farm in Bloomington, Indiana. My residence is in Troy, Michigan. I hunt on our farm every deer season but must pay out of state license fees. I would love to hunt both archery and firearm deer seasons. The high license fees and the limit of only one antlered deer per year discourages me from purchasing an additional license and hunting during archery season. The ability to harvest more than one antlered deer per year (one for each season) would certainly encourage me to purchase the additional out of state license for archery season. On my farm, we certainly do not lack antlered deer to harvest each year.

Donald May
 Time stamp 04/06/2012 11:00:06 PM

Commentor Name Ronald E Martin
 Commentor County 85
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City somerset
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment If it wil help sustain a big buck population Im in favor
 Time stamp 04/07/2012 02:39:53 AM

Commentor Name Ronald D Knox
 Commentor County 10
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Henryville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Leave the 1 buck rule in place. Indiana has become a State which lures Hunters attempting to Harvest 1 of Indiana's now big bucks. Before the 1 buck rule was implmented Indiana's reputation for Big Bucks was marginal at best and could not near match neighboring state Kentucky on Big Bucks harvested. If deer population is an issue allow or make it a rule that doe must be taken first or do like KY and give a doe tag with every Buck tag. Lowering the price of out of State Hunters would be smarter to encourage more Hunters to come into Indiana to Hunt as well as spend money while Hunting. I am an avid Deer Hunter I have been Hunting deer since 2008 in Indiana, I have 2 Pope and Young records as well as a Hoosier record book on my wall and I feel it is because of the 1 Buck

<p>rule.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/07/2012 05:48:43 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Joshua A Hubert</p> <p>Commentor County 50</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Bremen</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I've been hunting deer in northern Indiana for over 20 years and since the 1 buck rule has been in effect I have seen more and bigger bucks. I am in favore of keeping the 1 buck rule and think many hunters will benefit by seeing and taking trophy bucks.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/07/2012 10:23:52 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Eric Roberts</p> <p>Commentor County 41</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Greenwood</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment One Buck Rule needs to stay in effect, remove the expiration date from the rule, but keep it in effect.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/07/2012 10:52:31 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Larry Brenner</p> <p>Commentor County 48</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Anderson</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment Please leave the rule as is, do not change.....</p> <p>Time stamp 04/07/2012 02:52:06 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Clifford T. Blackwell</p> <p>Commentor County 49</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Beech Grove</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p> <p>Commentor Email Email Commentor</p> <p>Comment I would like the rule changed back to the way it was. I hunt for the meat not for the prize. You might only see bucks and you would not be able to take if you already have one. I would rather take a doe, but if the opportunity arrises, and the season is coming to an end, it would be good to know I could take the buck.</p> <p>Time stamp 04/07/2012 06:29:50 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Warren Keith Asbury</p> <p>Commentor County 23</p> <p>Commentor State IN</p> <p>Commentor City Covington</p> <p>Commentor Organization</p>

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am 100% IN FAVOR of continuing the one buck limit!!! Furthermore...I also feel that we should also adopt the "earn a buck" rule some other states are using. Our doe population appears to be way too high - at least in the areas I personally hunt. Thanks.

Time stamp 04/07/2012 07:48:38 PM

Commentor Name jim slayton

Commentor County 56

Commentor State IN

Commentor City roselawn

Commentor Organization oak ridge archery club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I personally would like to see the one buck rule expire. I do not see any impact on the quality of mature bucks in the county in which I hunt. My son (who is 37) and I have hunted the same property for years now and saw bigger bucks five years ago when the one buck ruling wasn't in effect. We talk about this often and we both agree that we had more fun and saw bigger bucks back when we could shoot two. I know my opinion may not mean much, but I think to get more hunters in the woods, the opportunities should be better. It would be much more enticing to know that you could take a smaller buck if you wanted rather than having to wait for the big buck to come by, which may not ever happen. I know license sales is what it is all about and that is a good thing for our hunting sport. In order for it to survive, we need to introduce as many hunters to the sport as we can and by giving them the opportunity to take two bucks during the regular deer season, might be what is needed to increase those numbers.

Thank you,

Jim Slayton

Time stamp 04/07/2012 10:11:30 PM

Commentor Name kerry faulkenberg

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City anderson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I prefer the way the rule used to be. Where you could kill 1 buck with a bow and another with a firearm. I am 51 and have been a property owner in Sullivan county for 20 years. I will say that I have not really seen any positive effect on the buck quality in the area that my friends and I hunt. I also have 2 young sons that have started hunting and have passed on normal bucks with bows and ended up getting no bucks. WE are not trophy hunters and hunt mainly to fill the freezer and for the fun of hunting. I will say that of the 7 or 8 People that I hunt with each year, all of them would agree with what I have said. MY VOTE WOULD BE TO GO BACK TO THE OLD WAY. There is nothing wrong with putting one in the freezer with you bow and then getting a little more selective when firearms comes in. Let real Indiana hunters make this choice! I know of no one that likes it this way. Thanks for your time, Kerry.

Time stamp 04/08/2012 12:08:21 AM

Commentor Name Robert Norton

Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Grabill
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The only way we are going to increase the number of trophy bucks is to continue with this rule. My vote would be to stick with it.
Time stamp 04/08/2012 05:31:31 AM

Commentor Name kent d chalfant
Commentor County 18
Commentor State IN
Commentor City muncie
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment This rule should should stay as posted with the extra doe bonuses offered we as a family that hunts a wife and three sons all feel this because we dont rack hunt we hunt for food and recreation if the buck to doe ratio ever gets out of place you could always offer a special license for that . Thank you for taking time for reading this Kent Chalfant
Time stamp 04/08/2012 06:19:59 AM

Commentor Name William Martin
Commentor County 57
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Albion
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I feel that the "one buck rule" actually punishes a true sportsman by not permitting him or her to pursue a buck throughout the different seasons. If an archer is fortunate enough to harvest a buck he/she should not have their firearms season minimized by only being permitted to harvest antlerless deer. There appears to be plenty of hunters willing to harvest antlerless deer (at least in the region I am hunting).
Thank you.
Time stamp 04/08/2012 07:27:35 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Theobald
Commentor County 73
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Shelbyville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please do not continue the one buck rule. As a hunter who has hunted during the one buck time frame, and before; when hunters were able to take two antlered deer, I ask that you do not continue the one buck rule. Too much emphasis is being put on taking a large buck and should not be. Hunting is about enjoying the great outdoors and being a conservationist. If someone wants to wait all season on a once of a lifetime buck to come by, they still can if they choose. Others should not have the pressure of picking and choosing their one buck each year. How about rewarding those hunters who hunt both archery and

firearm with the chance to take two antlered deer. The number of people who actually take two antlered deer in a season would be minute and this small amount would not affect the number of large deer able to be harvested. For a hunter to take two bucks in a year it would be a challenge, and a challenge that Indiana hunters should have the chance to try for. Hunting in Indiana should not be a commercial business for the state. It should be about conservation and sportsmanship. For these reasons, I ask that you do not extend the "one buck rule."

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Theobald

Time stamp 04/08/2012 08:17:55 AM

Commentor Name William D. Gadberry

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Velpen

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the "one buck rule" remain in effect. Since it was enacted, I have seen more large bucks in Knox, Pike and Daviess counties. I don't feel that this rule is crucial for the herd management aspects of hunting. Also, if someone hunts mainly for the purposes of meat there is ample opportunity to take antlerless deer.

Time stamp 04/08/2012 08:29:06 AM

Commentor Name Chad Yotter

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Albion

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment we need the 1 buck limit, since this rule was put in place Indiana's buck population has risen and buck quality has exploded, because of this rule Indiana is becoming a big buck state! keep it please

Time stamp 04/08/2012 09:35:02 AM

Commentor Name MAX GRADY

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City MILFORD

Commentor Organization FARMER

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment think the one buck rule is good hopefully we can encourage hunters to thin down the does. love seeing deer hate the damage they do to crops. the herd needs to be thinned a little. the guys hunting horns should be more in touch with what it takes to get bigger deer.

Time stamp 04/08/2012 11:55:26 AM

Commentor Name Samuel L King

Commentor County 18

<p> Commentor State IN Commentor City Muncie Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I would like to see the "One Buck" rule continue. I feel that it allows the smaller bucks to grow and get more age on them, therefore allowing them to get larger antlers. Most hunters I know will pass on a smaller antlered buck in hopes of a larger antlered buck. Then, if they don't get a shot at a buck at all, that will be a buck for the next year that is a year older. Time stamp 04/08/2012 12:03:28 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Russell Payton Commentor County 22 Commentor State IN Commentor City Sellersburg Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment The state needs to take some serious looks into game management in Indiana. With the over-harvesting of deer in the state we may need to maintain the one buck rule as deer numbers are much lower than the 90's. I understand we keep setting record harvest but this does not reflect the overall deer numbers. I should not be ale to legally take 8+ deer in one year. My biggest concern is our youth, there is nothing worse than taking my kids hunting and not see the numbers of deer that keep them entertained. The insurance companines should not dictate deer harvest numbers due to car collisons and we need to continue to educate hunters to only harvest what their families can eat or the need to feed the hungry. I used to enjoy deer hunting when the two buck rule was in place and I could hunt State ground and see deer. It was fun!!! I would only harvest what my family would eat, again my youth of hunting was a blast my kids today don't see deer. Time stamp 04/08/2012 01:32:56 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Brian Heeke Commentor County Out of State Commentor State IN Commentor City Celestine Commentor Organization Dubois county sportsnans club Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Leave the one buck rule in effect, it is really helping the deer herd. Time stamp 04/08/2012 02:38:22 PM </p>
<p> Commentor Name Garry L. Watson Commentor County Out of State Commentor State OH Commentor City Middletown Commentor Organization N/A Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I totally agree with the 1 buck rule. If the hunter wants the venison, then he can shoot a doe. It will help keep the smaller bucks around to grow up and become "big bucks". </p>

Time stamp 04/08/2012 04:57:20 PM

Commentor Name Roman Gabriel Howard

Commentor County 72

Commentor State IN

Commentor City scottsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I wish there would be only 1-Fee 1-Buck Tag to purchase that allows the buck to be taken with any legal weapon anytime during all deer hunting seasons. If the fee needs to be more, say \$48 for 1-Buck Tag, then change it. I don't think it is fair to buy a bow tag then not get a buck. Then have to buy the next legal weapon tag, then another if I'm unsuccesfull in getting a buck. If Indiana wants to continue with the 1 Buck Rule then let's have 1 tag to allow this with any legal weapon. With \$4 gas per gallon, most people don't want to risk nor can afford to buy 2 or 3 tags to give options to get 1 buck. So it is only fair since Indiana is asking us take only 1 Buck, for the DNR to give us the 1 Tag Option to allow us to get the 1 Buck. Most hunters would pass on smaller deer knowing they have multiple weapon seasons and plenty of time to chose the more mature deer.

PS: I strongly support the 1 Buck Rule, believe in it and it has proven to me to grow more larger deer over the years.

Thanks for your time, Roman Howard, Scottsburg, Indiana

Time stamp 04/08/2012 07:22:50 PM

Commentor Name Stephen Winslow

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fillmore

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We need to change this rule. We have enough bucks to have one for archery and one for firearm season. What I would like to see done is to harvest a buck it must be eight points or larger, but you can take one in archery season and one in firearm season. If you harvest a buck in firearm season you may not take one in muzzleloader season.

**Thank you,
Stephen Winslow**

Time stamp 04/09/2012 03:43:43 AM

Commentor Name mike scott

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City angola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think we need to go back to the 2 buck a season rule, every year i am seeing more and more bucks, but they are all small racked and undersized. 10 years ago and back

we would see nice bucks, but not anymore, I never have liked the one buck rule.ew
Time stamp 04/09/2012 04:30:27 AM

Commentor Name James L. Miller

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Middlebury

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I know I am seeing bigger Bucks since the 1 Buck rule has been in effect and I like it very much. My biggest concern is the guys who buy License's for every family member of there house and then shoot a Buck for each of there family! That''s what is wrong with the system. Keep the one Buck Rule we need to shoot more Does! Lower the cost of a Doe license!

Time stamp 04/09/2012 04:39:25 AM

Commentor Name James Bubb

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the rule go back to the way it was before.One buck with archery & one buck with a firearm. I haven't seen where the one buck rule has made a big change in there size.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 05:06:08 AM

Commentor Name Adam Brandes

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brookville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The current "One buck" rule has really help the size of the bucks killed in our county. It allows hunters to take larger deer year after year. We would be taking a step backwards by changing the current buck limits. This rule needs to stay in place.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 06:15:04 AM

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Commentor Name Charles Phipps

Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State AL
 Commentor City Zionsville
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I live in Indiana and reside in Boone County (your drop down menu has an error which does not allow it to be changed). I'm in favor of maintaining the current one buck rule. I hunt mostly in the southern part of Indiana. Over the years I have seen a decline in deer populations in public grounds. The existing one buck rule will help maintain or increase the herd size in public areas.
 Time stamp 04/09/2012 07:19:49 AM

Commentor Name James Wise Jr.
 Commentor County 33
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Newcastle
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Sir or Mam

 I think this that this rule has no benefit.I like others was willing to try it a few years.To see if it had a benefit. But, I see none. Even the Director of the DNR. Said he did not think there would be a benefit to this rule. But he was willing to allow it to continue for another year.The only thing I see as a benefit is.It forces deer hunters to target does and button bucks.To further the deer reduction efforts.
 Which while some parts of the state may need.The commission admitted that the entire states deer herd as been reduced. I asked you to do away with this rule. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue.
 Time stamp 04/09/2012 08:12:39 AM

Commentor Name Walter Thomas
 Commentor County Out of State
 Commentor State PA
 Commentor City Nottingham
 Commentor Organization Walter L. Thomas , Jr.
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment While I haven't hunted in ur state yet ,but I have plans to do so in near future.I don't agree with being able to harvest more than deer in a year.It will impact hunting by taking bucks that in the future will be bigger.That's what bring hunters to ur state to begin with.If u have to many deer ,extend ur seasons or harvest more doe.Thank u for letting people from out state express our opinion.
 Time stamp 04/09/2012 08:17:07 AM

Commentor Name Matt Semler
 Commentor County 33
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City New Castle
 Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This Rule should Stay. We are already killing way to many deer. What happened to state biologist doing population studies to determine kill rates. Isn't that part of the reason we have them? Since their not doing this anymore who are we getting our info from. It seems like the insurance companies are running our DNR now. Not one of the 50+ hunters that I speak with is happy with the direction our deer heard is going. I have almost 200 acres didicated to wildlife and spend thousands of dollars and countless hours doing food plots and habitat building every year. However, I cannot take my kids out and see deer?? This gets worse every year. You cannot make a state wide decision from Indianapolis. There are too many factors. You must account for base population, disease, and predator populations. I would be glad to participate in any study to help determine the correct way of hunting and maintaining our deer herd.

Thank, Matt Semler

Time stamp 04/09/2012 08:29:18 AM

Commentor Name Jack Cavanaugh

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State KS

Commentor City Gridley , Ks

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for reading my comments. In area,sd where needed a second tag for a male deer may be purchased, however over all please dont ruin Indiana,s good herd by over killing, I was raised in Indiana and return there each year to hunt as a out of state hunter.

So before making any changes please consider how long it took to build the heard, Thank you

Jack Cavanaugh,620 Fessenden St Gridley Ks,66852

Time stamp 04/09/2012 08:54:41 AM

Commentor Name Thomas Flees, Jr

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Etna Green

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly support amending the regulations to permanently KEEP the "one buck rule" in affect in Indiana. I am glad to see the one buck rule will be implemented. I believe it has made a difference. The license bundle is a great idea as well.

I do think it is time to greatly reduce the antlerless deer tags available though. I am not seeing nearly as many does as I used to, so the goal of reducing the deer herd has definitely worked. I am afraid if the quotas are not reduced, the deer herd will be severely impacted. One doe a year is sufficient for most people. I am not the only one seeing fewer does. Several of my hunting buddies would say the same thing. I would say it is time to go back to only being able to harvest a doe on Thanksgiving weekend during gun season.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 09:40:57 AM

Commentor Name Robert Mark Hallett

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Castle

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please allow the one-antlered-deer rule expire on Sept. 1, so that more antlered deer can be taken.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 09:47:42 AM

Commentor Name Paul A. Riecke

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Avilla

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the rules as is for a few more years.

Paul

Time stamp 04/09/2012 10:19:31 AM

Commentor Name Erik M. Vosteen

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City cromwell

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not even understand why you take comments from sportsmen. Almost every bowhunter I know or have talked to about it did not want crossbows to be legal during regular archery season, and you have allowed them anyway. The Indiana Bowhunters Association sternly opposed the allowance of crossbows during archery season. Who could more appropriately speak to the issue than the bowhunters - the ones who will have to contend with a loaded, cocked, scoped, trigger pull weapon during archery season. Crossbows are not archery. And we did want them in our archery season. So why would we now expect our wishes to be considered for this rule? Thanks for making me feel less safe during the archery season, and for pretending to care what the hunters think. If this seems harsh, I hope you will understand the frustration that accompanies being ignored and railroaded into a situation that is not only less safe, but annoying to those of us who actually care about archery and hunting in Indiana.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 11:11:47 AM

Commentor Name Alan Kent Racine

Commentor County 65

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Has any study been done to see if the "one buck rule" has yielded the results

desired when it was implemented? Have less or more bucks been harvested during the various seasons with bow, gun, or muzzle loader? Have the bucks harvested been more developed, i.e. more points per buck? I think this rule could be reducing the hunting revenue as hunters that only want to hunt bucks that harvest one in archery season may not purchase a license in gun season. I would like to see a "2 buck" rule, in which a hunter could harvest 1 buck with a gun/muzzle loader/pistol and 1 buck with a bow, or optionally 2 bucks with a bow. Additional female deer could still be harvested under present rules with all weapons. Each deer harvested would still require its' own license.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 11:24:59 AM

Commentor Name Harry Rottger

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Auburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment u don't care what i think

Time stamp 04/09/2012 02:49:45 PM

Commentor Name Aaron Teske

Commentor County 85

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafontaine

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This one buck a year rule needs to end. I was under the impression that one buck a year was supposed to allow for larger bucks. This has failed I saw larger bucks before this rule was instated. Please let this rule expire.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 05:20:35 PM

Commentor Name Randy Knight

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shelbyville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the one buck rule for our state, Would like to see doe before buck can be harvested

Time stamp 04/09/2012 05:40:52 PM

Commentor Name Dustin Kernel

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mt. Summit

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule was a small step in the right direction. It opened some peoples eyes to the importance of herd management. Following Ohio's deer season dates would be far more productive. In our area the guys who shoot the yearling bucks only get one buck

any ways because they dont bow hunt. There has been no noticeable difference in our area in my opinion. Moving gun season out of the prime rut season would greatly improve the quality of Indianas deer herd as it has proven to do in Ohio. Our deer herd in Henry county in particular is way down compared to 2 years ago partially due to excesive doe harvest and secondly coyotes. Better deer herd population counts and reduced doe tags, along with removing gun season from the rut and Indiana could be as productive as our neighboring states.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 05:42:32 PM

Commentor Name Diane M. Weinzapfel

Commentor County 65

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mount Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment There are mountain lions roaming our hunting grounds and we are not allowed to protect ourselves from them while in the field as they are protected. I understand they were reintroduced to this area to reduce the deer population. Deer meat is made good use of in this area and, with the economy not expected to turn around for some time, we could easily take care of the deer overpopulation ourselves if the restrictions were loosened on quantity of deer allowed annually. The lions need to be moved out so we can take over our hunting grounds again and not be afraid for our safety and that of our children playing in their yards or walking or bicycling on the roads we pay taxes to use.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 06:13:56 PM

Commentor Name Linda Lee Reynolds

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Covington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We should be able to call in our buck rather than taking it to a check-in station.

Time stamp 04/09/2012 10:18:55 PM

Commentor Name Lance M. Ordway

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Auburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the "one buck rule" The quality of bucks in Indiana has risen signicantly in the last few years due to this simple rule. Please do all that you can to make sure that it stays in effect. I'd like to see the continued enhanced bucks in this state.

Time stamp 04/10/2012 03:21:06 AM

Commentor Name William Yeager

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization NMLRA
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I would like the OBR to stay in place.
 Time stamp 04/10/2012 01:10:22 PM

Commentor Name James Kody Kennedy
 Commentor County 13
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Marengo
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Before I was a certified hunter your were allowed to take two bucks a year. In my opinion that was great. A bow hunter could go out in bow season and take a buck and his season wouldn't be over. When I started hunting the one buck rule was already set in place and I have passed on a lot of bucks in bow season because I thought I would get a chance to shoot a bigger one in gun. That thought has led my to not tag a buck over my five years of hunting. Passing up small bucks has not helped the bucks get bigger where I live. If I don't shoot the small buck, someone else will. I don't believe the one buck rule has helped. I would propose to allow two bucks to be taken, one in bow, one in gun. I would also put a size limit on the buck. In my opinion the buck should have at least four points to be legally harvested. The number of does you can take is way up, but how about decreasing the doe tags and adding another buck tag.

Thank you for your time.
 Time stamp 04/10/2012 06:31:43 PM

Commentor Name pat cira
 Commentor County 71
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City south bend
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment i strongly suggest that you keep the rule the way it is now. i hunt in st joe and marshal ctys and i'm not seeing an over abundance of bucks where i hunt. one buck a season is more then enough
 Time stamp 04/10/2012 08:46:10 PM

Commentor Name Nick Meko
 Commentor County 49
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Indianapolis
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I believe this rule should stay... If we allow people to kill multiple bucks then the size of the bucks will start to decrease.. At an economical stand.. If the bucks are smaller and harder to find, then people are not going to want to spend their money to come hunt indianana..
 Time stamp 04/11/2012 06:12:44 AM

Commentor Name renos a fulk
 Commentor County 60
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City freedom
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment since deer herd reduction is still needed, let hunters take a second buck . perhaps archery late season.
 Time stamp 04/11/2012 09:28:26 PM

Commentor Name Jon Harsin
 Commentor County 39
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Hanover
 Commentor Organization Self
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment My wife, my father and myself are all lifetime license holders. There are 6 of us in our family that are avid hunters. We do good to harvest 1 quality buck in our area. We are all in support of keeping the 1 buck rule. We have been seeing many more nice bucks since the 1 buck rule was implemented. Please keep this 1 buck rule in place and let our buck grow so our children and ourselves have a larger pool of quality bucks to choose from. The does are what we heed people harvesting to keep the overall deer population in check. We are still seeing 5-6 does for every 1 buck in our area. Make it cheaper and easier for people to harvest more does if they want the meat and to help with population reduction!
 Time stamp 04/12/2012 07:14:58 AM

Commentor Name Todd Hammond
 Commentor County 62
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Cannelton
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment Please keep the one buck rule in place. Thanks.
 Time stamp 04/12/2012 08:02:04 AM

Commentor Name Paul Pula
 Commentor County 83
 Commentor State IN
 Commentor City Clinton
 Commentor Organization
 Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
 Comment I would like to see the firearm season start the weedend before thanksgiving and be in for 9 days. If the firearm season could be shortened and moved back some I think the One Buck Rule could be removed. Since the firearm season has not been changed/shortened and the introduction of crossbows are in full swing I think the One Buck Rule should remain in place.
 Time stamp 04/12/2012 11:37:43 AM

Commentor Name Cory Swartzentruber

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Odon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that the 1 buck rule should stay!! Reason being is that the deer are just now starting to recover from blue tongue!! It hit the older deer so hard that i believe that if the one buck rule goes away we will end up back where we started!! At least keep it for a few more years!!!!!!

With the mild winter and the hot dry spring I'm scared to think what might happen this summer with the deer!!! Blue tongue might hit harder than ever!!!

Time stamp 04/13/2012 08:22:05 AM

Commentor Name Allen Berger

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ferdinand

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The one buck rule is a great rule. Please keep it in place.

Time stamp 04/14/2012 10:59:10 AM

Commentor Name Jerome Werner

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I recently read an article in the local paper about Indiana's one buck rule that stated that 65% of Indian hunters agree with the rule. I think this 65% is mostly gun hunters. Archery hunters should be allowed TWO bucks per season...one with gun and one with bow. I talk to alot of archery hunters and they all concur with me. This fall will be 10 years of only killing one buck...long enough. Time to give archery hunters a break.

Thank you,

Jerry Werner

Time stamp 04/14/2012 12:49:58 PM

Commentor Name Dustin Wade Varble

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State FL

Commentor City Freeport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support removing the expiration language from the "one buck rule". I deer hunt every year in my native state and think this has been the best management rule yet

adopted by the state for improving the quality of the deer hunting experience. I have seen more mature bucks on public lands in the last few years, than in the 10 years previous to the enacting of the rule combined. I hope that long term we can at least keep this rule on public lands so people of all means can have the potential for a quality experience.

Time stamp 04/14/2012 04:22:47 PM

Commentor Name Dale Frederick Varble

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hanover

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the amendment to remove the expiration language from the 1 buck rule. Since the adoption of the 1 buck rule I have been seeing more mature bucks while hunting, which has made deer season much more enjoyable. Before this rule, we were lucky to see 1.5 year old bucks and were generally unhappy with the deer hunting on public land.

Time stamp 04/14/2012 04:48:17 PM

Commentor Name carl cooper

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i think one buck rule is a good rule an should continue

Time stamp 04/15/2012 11:55:53 AM

Commentor Name Joe D Warner

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The ONE BUCK rule should be continued.

When I was young, there were no deer to be found. Conservation efforts have brought the population back to a reasonable level. A few would say there are too many, but I believe the majority do not think there are too many deer.

Except for a very few urban deer zones where deer may be a real pest, the one buck rule is a benefit to us. In those areas, more aggressive archery rules might succeed in controlling the population.

Time stamp 04/15/2012 01:27:43 PM

Commentor Name Frank Grimes

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think The one buck rule should stand as in all the seasons why should it be differant. The children are hunters too. They have to respect the laws and rules as any other hunter in the woods. I have grandchildren that I am teaching to hunt and that is what I am teaching them to respect and take only what you can eat ,and not waste, and it is not about the size or if it has antlers or not it is about the food it can prvide for you and your family.

Time stamp 04/15/2012 01:39:01 PM

Commentor Name brad persohn

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City ferdinand

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i think the "one buck" rule is great. the only thing i would change is when you buy your buck tag it should be good for any season whether it is archery, gun, or muzzleloader. Having to buy another tag in muzzleloader if you do not get one in firearm is unfair.

Time stamp 04/16/2012 06:15:31 AM

Commentor Name susan davis reynolds

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City covington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think we should continue to have the 1-buck rule. With the disease issues, we should limit the number of bucks to be taken.

Time stamp 04/16/2012 08:58:51 AM

Commentor Name Matthew C. Baker

Commentor County 21

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Connersville

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am an avid hunter and outdoorsman, You can check the records and see that I harvest numerous deer in Indiana every year since I was old enough to hunt. In the last years since the "one buck" rule has been implemented the quality and size of the bucks has greatly increased. This rule is excellent in the fact that people have to think, is this really the deer I want to harvest or not? Before, when two bucks were able to be taken allot of hunters took young immature bucks with the knowledge they could kill another later in the season. The one buck rule has not only made our bucks record class in size, but it also forces people to harvest more does and therefore keep the population in check. I am one Indiana Hunter and resident that does not want to see the one buck rule go away, please restate this rule at all cost!!

<p>Time stamp 04/16/2012 09:07:02 AM</p> <p>Commentor Name Larry O'Brien Commentor County 67 Commentor State IN Commentor City Fillmore Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Please keep the one buck rule in affect. The bucks in my areas are slowly getting bigger. Time stamp 04/17/2012 06:19:25 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Sam Mitton Commentor County 23 Commentor State IN Commentor City Kingman Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment Like the (1) one buck rule. Keep it. Time stamp 04/17/2012 09:54:01 AM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Mark Aurich Commentor County 2 Commentor State IN Commentor City Fort Wayne Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment I am in strong favor of the one buck rule. I have seen a dramatic increase in antlered deer in my areas since the rule came in and the size of bucks seen is increasing yearly too. Anything more than one nice buck a year is just greedy, in my opinion. Time stamp 04/17/2012 04:11:29 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name jerry hamblen Commentor County 7 Commentor State IN Commentor City trafalgar Commentor Organization Commentor Email Email Commentor Comment since this rule been in effect I have not seen any more bucks or bigger racks since this rule been in effect. hunters are still harvesting just as many bucks with the one buck rule as they were the two buck rule. since the one buck rule i only bow hunt because i can only get one buck. i like to see one buck rule change back to two. Time stamp 04/18/2012 12:20:18 PM</p>
<p>Commentor Name Larry Lipscomb II Commentor County 89 Commentor State IN Commentor City Richmond Commentor Organization individual Commentor Email Email Commentor</p>

Comment I would like to comment on the one buck rule. I believe the rule should stand for only one buck per license per year. I am a former hunters education instructor, I relinquished this voluntary position due to the flaws in the program. Young children, ages 3-7, were attending the program in order for their parent to receive an additional buck tag in the name of the child. I felt the children were incapable, physically and mentally, of carrying out a task of enduring cold temperatures, rough terrain, while carrying a firearm. Even a small rifle or shotgun would be too much.

Not long ago, Indiana and surrounding states were home to such species as bear, elk, and other large game animals. Overhunting by the irresponsible hunter has contributed to the non existence of these animals in this area. As recently as 60 years ago, overhunting and lack of preservation and conservation of the habitat of large game animals, has lead to the decline and population of many species.

Make no mistake, I am not a "tree hugger", I am a avid hunter as a well as a father of two teenage hunters. Enforcing more than a one buck rule will allow an already flawed system to continue the decline of large game species.

I am not aware or privy to scientific studies on the population totals of deer in this area, but I feel in order to preserve the species for our children and grandchildren, keeping the one buck rule is a must!

Respectfully,

Larry E Lipscomb II

Time stamp 04/19/2012 08:19:13 PM

Commentor Name Roy Coolman

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of retaining the one buck provision per season in Indiana

Time stamp 04/21/2012 04:23:22 AM

Commentor Name Sean Penny

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Michigan City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment You are tryin to control the deer population, but only one buck?! Well how about uping the "earn a buck" 2does for the second buck, 3 does for the third buck. That is up to 9 deer at least 5 of which are does

Time stamp 04/21/2012 06:51:10 AM

Commentor Name Phillip H. Theobald

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shelbyville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Hunting is a means of controlling the growth of the deer herd in the state. I feel that the annual harvest would be higher if hunters were allowed to kill more than one buck, however, I don't think too many hunters would harvest more than one buck.

I feel the one buck rule penalizes the hunters who are hunting for the sport of it, or to fill their freezer, and only benefits the trophy hunters, who i feel are less than true sportsmen.

Do not renew the one buck rule!

Time stamp 04/22/2012 06:35:52 AM

Commentor Name Marvin Baker

Commentor County 13

Commentor State IN

Commentor City English

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Keep the one buck rule in place. It is helping make larger deer.

Time stamp 04/22/2012 01:07:04 PM

Commentor Name jason stanley

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the one buck rule is a wise decision on the DNR's behalf. In more recent years i have personally seen a big change in more mature,quality,and score-able bucks in the areas where i hunt. Keep up the good work conserving the North American whietail heard.

Time stamp 04/22/2012 02:47:48 PM

Commentor Name Michael Karn

Commentor County 38

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Portland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Since the one-buck-rule has been in effect, I have seen more bucks while hunting than ever before. This rule also causes some of us hunters to become more selective of the bucks that we do shoot and that produces more quality bucks in the area. I am in favor of retaining this law so that people like myself and my family can have the opportunity to see and harvest more bucks and more mature bucks.

Time stamp 04/23/2012 11:44:35 AM

Commentor Name Daniel D. Fromme

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of going back to allowing 1 buck to be taken during archery and 1 during firearms as it used to be. To many times hunters like myself plan to go hunting and are at the last minute required to go to work, take care of children or aging parents. With this we have years we do not get the opportunity to hunt much and years we do we would like to take advantage of the overabundance of deer we have. With the state wanting to reduce the size of the herd why not allow another buck? We cannot be a state of trophy hunting only. I realize we have many trophy hunters in our state but we have a lot more recreational hunters who would be thrilled to shot 2 bucks in 1 year. Let us have at it.

Thanks

Time stamp 04/23/2012 06:44:37 PM

Commentor Name Tom Coates

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Guilford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As far as ending the one buck rule goes, I'm in favor of what ever is best for the deer herd.

I do not think that any bucks should be taken during the special youth hunt. I think it is good that kids have a special hunt, but I don't think it is right for kids to get the first chance at the bucks. The adults are paying the license fees and are taking the time to teach the young beginning hunters. Adults should get first crack at the bucks.

Time stamp 04/25/2012 08:34:06 AM

Commentor Name joe kabat

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City noblesville

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been against this rule from the beginning and still am. I have hunted Illinois and Indiana for over 25 years. Illinois has no problem with big bucks allowing a bow kill and a gun kill. Seems to me if you want more deer killed you need more hunters in the woods or the same hunters hunting more days. I know several hunters who quit hunting after they kill a buck. If you allowed one buck with gun and one with bow these hunters would spend more time in the woods and possibly kill more does. I see no reason to continue the one buck rule.

thank you

joe kabat

Time stamp 04/25/2012 10:16:03 AM

Commentor Name Kirk Gifford

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lizton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment With the generous doe tags given out, it is not uncommon to see more bucks than does now. i need to be able to fill my freezer somehow to offset the rising cost of groceries.

The one buck rule also limits people that hunt multiple areas of the state.
 If we can not go back to two bucks the way it used to be, how about the opportunity to harvest a second buck as long as the two bucks come from different counties.
 Or, offer a lottery to get a second buck tag.
Time stamp 04/26/2012 04:30:13 AM

Commentor Name albert depra
Commentor County 64
Commentor State IN
Commentor City kouts
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment 1 buck rule per season should be kept
Time stamp 04/27/2012 07:04:53 AM

Commentor Name Delaine pierce
Commentor County 1
Commentor State IN
Commentor City decatur
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think the one buck rule should stay in effect i have noticed that this rule has helped there are more bucks and better quality bucks this is a good thing the only problem i have is i wish the bonus tags in my county needs to be lowered for couple of years due to low doe. Population anyway please keep the one buck rule it is working great
Time stamp 04/27/2012 08:13:05 AM

Commentor Name Clark R Miller
Commentor County 41
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Greenwood
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I believe this rule should be ammended to allow a properly licensed hunter to harvest a total of 2 bucks, one with any type of firearm (shotgun, muzzleloader, pistol cardbine or handgun) and one with any type of archery tackle (bow or crossbow).
Time stamp 04/27/2012 01:13:52 PM

Commentor Name E. Tyler Wessel
Commentor County 36
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Vallonia
Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the one buck rule and think we do need to keep it. I think it facilitates larger buck scores/sizes/harvests and allows there to be more bucks. The one draw back is that there is no way to manage "unwanted" or deformed/non-typical bucks that one may wish to take to improve herd genetics, unless he shall use that as his one buck for the year. Thank you for the opportunity to post comments. Tyler Wessel

Time stamp 04/28/2012 07:48:28 AM

Commentor Name Leon A. Kraus Sr.

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Sunman

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel it is time to go back to the two bucks per season. One in archery as there was not that many bucks taken in archery to really impact the buck population. And one in gun season. The bucks in Indiana were of a high quality before the one buck rule was put into place. I really did not ever see the need to go to the one buck rule anyway. It is time to eliminate it.

Thank You

Leon A. Kraus Sr.

Time stamp 04/28/2012 10:41:52 AM

Commentor Name William Goins

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While I don't expect to be able to harvest a virtually unlimited number of antlered deer, the way we can with antlerless deer, I do believe that one antlered deer per weapon season, ie: Archery (both early and late), Firearm, and Muzzleloader seasons, would be appropriate. Every year in the southern portion of the state, I see vehicular collisions, and multiple antlered deer in the woods. I could quote statistics, but the commission already has the numbers. If we (the sportsmen) are willing to purchase the tags, then we should be able to.

Time stamp 04/29/2012 12:39:18 AM

Commentor Name Douglas Mark Chapin

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City odon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Doing the one Buck rule in my opinion is the best rule DNR could have ever adopted. The quality of mature bucks is better than it has ever been in all the years I have hunted. Please do not change this rule.

Doug Chapin
Odon Ind.
Time stamp 05/01/2012 12:09:25 PM

Commentor Name Tim Foltz
Commentor County 52
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Denver
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to go back to the one buck for archery and one buck for gun seasons. I am not conviced the one buck rule has contributed to older bucks beeing harvested. We need to have a three year trail of the two buck rule to see what, if any, changes occur in the harvested buck age. Where I hunt I have been seeing an over abundance of ugly little bucks or big spike bucks. Our area needs a few years to remove the inferior bucks and the two buck rule would sure help. I think the older bucks are a product of personal perference and nothing the state instigated. We need a trial period.
Time stamp 05/01/2012 02:18:05 PM

Commentor Name Larry W. Shockley
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Crown Point
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am against the one buck rule and have communicated this several times since 2007 to various individuals at the DNR as well as the Governor. My request is, that if you continue the rule please consider the many SENIORS who hunt and have the time to enjoy the outdoors. I personally was looking forward to retirement and increasing my hunting days/pleasure. But, I now find myself passing on some bucks (looking for a bigger one) and end up some seasons without filling my tag. Hunting is a recreation as well as a sport. WHY NOT ALLOW SENIORS TO HARVEST TWO BUCKS, ONE IN BOW AND ONE IN GUN. The senior age limit can start at 55, 59, 62 or 65, you set the age. Thank you for allowing me to comment.
Time stamp 05/01/2012 03:37:52 PM

Commentor Name Matthew Wright
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Warsaw
Commentor Organization hunter
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think that the one buck rule should stay as it is. I say this because it allows the bucks to grow and as a hunter of the state i feel that is important because hunters want to shoot bigger bucks. Thanks for taking my consideration into effect on this rule change.
Time stamp 05/02/2012 09:04:17 AM

Commentor Name Allen Pursell
Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Laconia

Commentor Organization The Nature Conservancy

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment On behalf of The Nature Conservancy I am writing in support of extending and making permanent the “one buck rule” for the benefit of both the deer herd and habitats across the state. We are an organization of 11,000 members in Indiana who care about the best management of all native animals, plants, and natural communities. The field experience of our professional staff and others indicates that deer have become overabundant and are negatively affecting the health of many habitats. Limiting hunters to one buck will encourage the harvesting of additional female deer and therefore help reduce the deer population.

In addition to enhanced habitats the white-tailed deer herd itself will continue to benefit from the one buck rule as it promotes a better buck to doe ratio and a better age structure among males. It is well known that sex ratio can affect breeding behavior. If the sex ratio is out of balance in favor of females, and there are few mature males (3½ years and older) in the population, the breeding season will likely be prolonged beyond what is natural. This can result in an extended fawning season the following year with lower body weights for fawns, lower survival rates, and smaller antlers early in life.

Furthermore, an abnormally long breeding season can reduce the survival of males as rutting bucks eat very little and lose considerable weight. Allowing more bucks to survive and adequately mature will result in a more intense rut. During a short rut bucks are less likely to use all their winter reserves and have more time to replenish them.

We want to acknowledge and thank the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Natural Resources Commission for establishing the interim rule. It was forward-thinking and beneficial. We are fully supportive of its continuance.

Time stamp 05/02/2012 12:11:42 PM

Commentor Name Fred Dorman

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe if you asked every deer hunter in Indiana the vast majority would want the two buck rule, one in archery season, one in gun season. This works in most other states, and it would help thin some out some of the inferior bucks. Instead of using the one buck rule, change the rule of one antler of 3 inch, to a two, or three year old, and determine the type of rack, the main thing is to let the younger bucks walk.

Fred

Time stamp 05/02/2012 04:29:56 PM

Commentor Name James Curtis Turpin

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shirley

Commentor Organization Quality Deer Management Association

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As the Vice President of the QDMA Indiana Branch I would like to express our support for making the One Buck Rule permanent. The QDMA is in full favor any rule that will allow the management dierction to lead to a healthy, more balanced herd. We have surveyed our members and those that responded fully support this rule. The QDMA does not strive for trophy hunting or record book bucks, but instead a well balanced age structure of both anterlered and anterless. We feel as a group that by allowing two bucks to be harvested with todays modern weapons and the introduction of crossbows it will create much more pressure on our anterled herd. It is also our belief that it will reduce pressure from anterless and allow the antrerless population to grow. We have noticed that our herds are decreasing in some problem areas and that we are seeing some improvement in deer/car incidents. The general hunting public seems to support this rule as the Responsive Management survey indicated. We currently have the best of both worlds under our current deer management regulations. Trophy hunters are mostly happy, meat hunters are mostly happy and most farmers, insurance and non-hunters are happy. The only people who are not happy are those who have an antler obsession and just want to collect more antlers. This in my opinion will ruin our sport.

The QDMA does not see the need for a trial 2 buck period. We feel that with current staticial data under current regulations and that of pre One Buck Rule that there is enough evidence to show it has improved herd helth, quality and age structure. It has accomplished this by saving several thousand bucks, while increasing the antler harvest. It has also caused a social change in hunters harvest goals. It has helped balance the herd and reduce population levels by creating more focus on antleress harvest.

In closing the QDMA Indiana Branch is in full support of making One Buck Rule permanent

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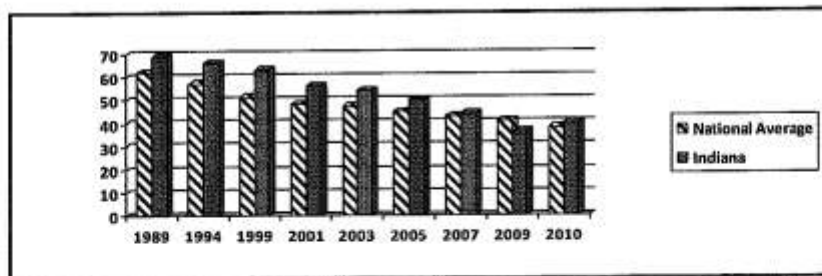
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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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Dear Natural Resources Commission,

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to support continuation of the one-buck deer hunting rule. The QDMA is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has nearly 50,000 members and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

The QDMA supports protecting young bucks to allow for a complete male age structure in the deer population. Indiana's current harvest strategy of limiting hunters to one antlered deer per license year has done a tremendous job of protecting yearlings (1.5-year-olds) and allowing bucks to reach additional age classes. The graph below shows the percentage of the antlered buck harvest that was 1.5 years old from 1989 to 2010. As you can see, Indiana has compared very favorably with the national average since 2007, and the one-buck rule has directly influenced this statistic.



Indiana has a successful deer management program and the majority of Indiana's sportsmen and women support the one-buck rule. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to Indiana's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
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The future of deer hunting.

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RE: One-Buck Rule

I would like to have the rule rescinded. Too often I have taken a buck in the Early Archery Season, and then not be able to hunt during the Gun Season. This due to the fact that I hunt mostly public grounds, and where I do have permission to hunt private property, the county does not have doe hunting during the early part of gun season. (If at all)

What is the reason for the One-Buck Rule? Are there not enough buck to maintain the herds? Is the rule to provide 'Trophy Bucks'? I thought one of the missions of the DNR was to provide the most use of the resources for all of the people of Indiana?

I have hunted for over 65 years and still enjoy being out in the Fall and Winter to hunt, and will continue to as long as am able. I have taken a few Trophies, but my reason for hunting and fishing has also been for the food.

Sincerely,



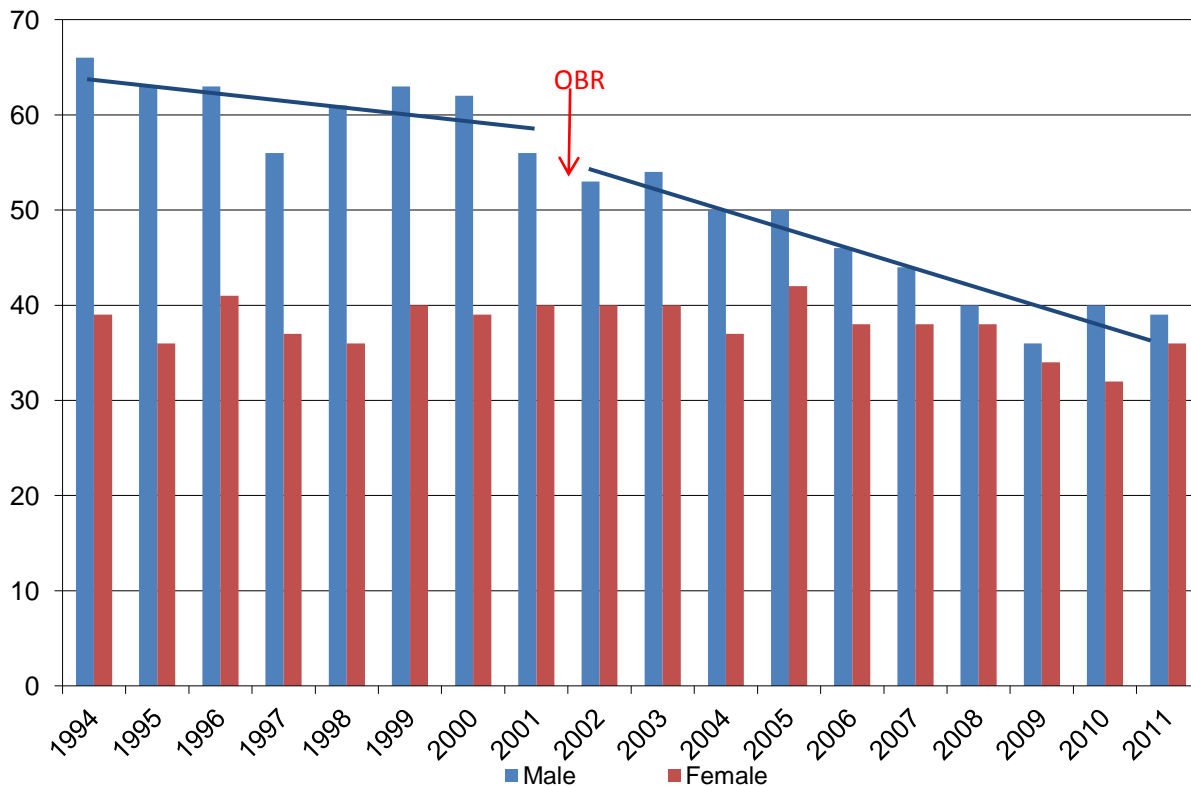
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EXHIBIT C**DNR RESPONSE****One Buck Rule**

The DNR has proposed to extend the one buck rule indefinitely after being in effect for ten (10) years. The current administrative rule expires on September 1, 2012. The DNR does not consider this rule proposal to be a biological issue. Limiting deer hunters to take only one buck per year, regardless of equipment used, is not necessary to manage the deer herd. The DNR believes that it is simply a social issue. Of the comments received on this rule proposal, the majority support extending the one buck rule.

Harvest data indicates that we have accelerated our harvest of more mature male deer (older than 1.5 years old) since the “one buck rule” has been established and decreased the number of 1.5 year old males in our harvest (see graph below). Whether this trend is specifically due to the one buck rule is difficult to ascertain due to a number of factors (increased license price at the onset of the one buck rule, continuing evolving hunting regulations, aging hunters, changed expectations, etc). We really don’t know, and will never know, if we were successful at changing the age structure of males on the landscape, but we are certain that our male harvest has changed drastically since the inception of the one buck rule, and with our current set of regulations, have balanced our male:female harvest ratio for the first time since approximately 2006 and have maintained that course in subsequent years.

**Percentage of Yearling Deer in the Adult Harvest in Indiana
(1994-2011)**



The Division of Fish and Wildlife contracted with Responsive Management in 2011 to do a survey and perform an analysis of the data. A summary of the survey methodology, findings related to management of the Indiana deer herd, and the one buck rule are summarized below.

From the survey completed by Responsive Management in 2011:

This deer hunter survey was conducted for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to determine deer hunters' participation in deer hunting seasons, their harvest of deer, and their opinions on deer management. The study entailed a telephone survey of Indiana hunting license holders valid for deer in 2010.

For the survey, a multi-modal approach was used that included questionnaires administered by telephone, mail and Internet. The primary contact method was by telephone, supplemented by a mailed postcard with the website address for taking the survey online and emails with a link to the website address for taking the survey online. Additionally, interviewers made follow-up telephone calls to assist people in completing the survey online. The survey questionnaire was developed cooperatively by Responsive Management and the DNR. The sample of Indiana deer hunters was obtained from the DNR. The sample was representative of all hunters with a license that allowed for deer hunting privileges.

For the telephone survey portion of the project, telephone surveying times were Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., local time. The Internet mode of the survey could be completed at the respondent's convenience. The survey was conducted in October 2011. The software used for telephone survey data collection was Questionnaire Programming Language. The data obtained via the Internet was imported from the Internet server directly into Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) using standard interfacing software. Responsive Management obtained a total of 8,591 completed interviews.

The analysis of data was performed using SPSS as well as proprietary software developed by Responsive Management. Throughout this report, findings of the telephone survey are reported at a 95% confidence interval (or higher). For the entire sample of Indiana hunters whose license allowed deer hunting, the sampling error is at most plus or minus 1.03 percentage points. Sampling error was calculated based on a sample size of 8,591 and a population size of 154,303.

According to survey response, the majority of Indiana deer hunters (63%) are satisfied with deer management in the state (mostly *somewhat* satisfied rather than *very* satisfied) and the majority of Indiana deer hunters (65%) support the One Buck Rule, mostly *strong* support.

EXHIBIT D

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Final Rule

LSA Document #12-65

DIGEST

Amends 312 IAC 9-3-2, which provides general requirements and licenses for hunting deer, to remove the expiration language to continue the requirement that an individual must not take more than one antlered deer during the special youth, archery, firearm, or muzzleloader seasons. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

312 IAC 9-3-2

SECTION 1. 312 IAC 9-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-2 General requirements and licenses for hunting deer

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 2. (a) This section and sections 3 through 10 of this rule govern the:

- (1) hunting;
 - (2) transportation; and
 - (3) disposal;
- of deer.

(b) Species of deer other than white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are exempted from the following:

- (1) This section.
- (2) Sections 3 through 9 of this rule.

An individual who claims the exemption provided under this subsection must prove the deer is other than a white-tailed deer.

(c) The licenses identified in this section are nonexclusive. An individual may apply for one (1) or more of these licenses.

(d) Except as provided under IC 14-22-11-1 and IC 14-22-11-11, an individual must not hunt deer:

- (1) unless the individual possesses a completed and signed license authorized under this section bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a deer license issued to another individual.

(e) A youth hunter may take a deer during the youth deer season established in section 4(b) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:

- (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (B) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
- (C) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
- (E) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (F) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (I) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (F) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (f) An individual may take a deer with a long bow, a recurve bow, or a compound bow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:
 - (1) issued a license to hunt deer by bow and arrows with:
 - (A) a resident deer archery license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
 - (B) a nonresident deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
 - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
 - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
 - (2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (g) An individual may take a deer with a crossbow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:
 - (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
 - (B) a nonresident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);

- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or

(2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(h) An individual may take a deer with a firearm during the firearms season established in section 4(e) of this rule only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt deer by firearms with:

- (A) a resident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(12);
- (B) a nonresident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(15);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or

(2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(i) An individual may take a deer with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season established in section 4(f) of this rule only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt deer by a muzzleloader with:

- (A) a resident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(13);
- (B) a nonresident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(16);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);

- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (j) An individual may take a deer during the urban deer season established in section 4(d) of this rule only if:
 - (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (B) a nonresident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (E) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
 - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (k) An individual may take a deer during the special antlerless deer season established in section 4(h) of this rule only if:
 - (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (B) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (H) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
 - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
 - (J) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (l) An individual may take an antlerless deer in a designated county, by authority of an extra deer bonus antlerless license, only as authorized under section 4(g) and 4(h) of this rule.
- (m) An individual must, immediately upon taking a deer, record on a piece of paper the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the deer.
- (2) The license number (if applicable) of the individual who took the deer.
- (3) The sex of the deer.
- (4) The month and day the deer was taken.

The individual that takes the deer must retain possession of the completed piece of paper until the paper is attached to the deer. The piece of paper must be attached to the deer if the individual who takes the deer does not maintain direct physical control of and constant visual contact with the deer carcass.

(n) An individual who takes a deer must cause delivery of the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration in the name of the individual who took the deer on the occurrence of the earlier of the following:

- (1) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the taking of the deer.
- (2) Before the deer is removed from this state.

The individual who delivers the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration must provide true and accurate information for the check station logs, including the name and license number of the individual who took the deer and the date the deer was taken.

(o) The head of a deer must remain attached to the carcass until the tag is attached and locked at the deer checking station.

(p) After the checking station operator records the permanent seal number on the log and collects the piece of paper described in subsection (m), the operator shall give the seal to the individual. The individual must immediately affix the seal:

- (1) between a tendon and bone;
- (2) through a section of skin or flesh; or
- (3) around a branched antler;

to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed). The seal must be maintained until processing of the deer begins.

(q) The checking station operator must do the following:

- (1) Accurately and legibly complete all forms provided by the department.
- (2) Make those forms available to department personnel upon request.

(r) An individual must not hunt deer except from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(s) An individual must wear hunter orange:

- (1) in a season set forth in section 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule;
- (2) in that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule; and
- (3) when firearms are authorized under section 8(b) of this rule.

(t) A ground blind that is:

(1) Occupied must contain a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of material on each side that is solid hunter orange and is visible from any direction during:

(A) a season set forth in section 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule; and

(B) that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule.

(2) Left unoccupied on department property must visibly bear the name and address of the owner written in the English language in a conspicuous location on the outside of the blind near the entrance.

(u) ~~Before September 1, 2012,~~ An individual must not take more than one (1) antlered deer during the **special youth, archery, firearm, and muzzleloader** seasons ~~for an annual deer license. authorized in section 4 of this rule from the first day of the special youth deer season of one (1) calendar year through the last day of the archery season in the following calendar year.~~

(v) An individual must not hunt deer with the use or aid of:

(1) bait, which includes:

(A) a food that is transported and placed for consumption, including, but not limited to, piles of corn and apples placed in the field;

(B) a prepared solid or liquid that is manufactured and intended for consumption by livestock or wild deer, including, but not limited to, commercial baits and food supplements;

(C) salt; or

(D) mineral supplements;

(2) snares;

(3) dogs; or

(4) other domesticated animals.

The use of manufactured scents and lures or similar chemical or natural attractants is not prohibited.

(w) An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait and the baited soil. Hunting an area, such as an orchard, which may be attractive to deer as the result of normal agricultural activity, is not prohibited.

(x) Notwithstanding subsection (v), an individual may use dogs only while on a leash to track or trail wounded deer.

(y) Notwithstanding subsection (v), an individual may use:

(1) donkeys;

(2) mules; and

(3) horses;

for transportation to and from a hunt but not while hunting.

(z) An individual must not hunt white-tailed deer possessed under the authority of a game breeder license under 312 IAC 9-10-4.

(aa) An individual may possess a handgun in accordance with IC 35-47 while hunting deer if the individual:

- (1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2-3;
- (2) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b); or
- (3) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.

(bb) "Deer license bundle" means a multiple privilege deer license that allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer in the:

- (1) special youth;
- (2) archery;
- (3) firearms;
- (4) muzzleloader; and
- (5) special antlerless only;

seasons combined in one (1) year in accordance with the provisions in this section and sections 3 and 4 of this rule. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-2; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2702; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:40 p.m.: 25 IR 1528; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 536; filed May 12, 2006, 10:38 a.m.: 29 IR 3344; filed Jun 23, 2006, 2:24 p.m.: 20060719-IR-312050214FRA; errata filed Jul 21, 2006, 1:56 p.m.: 20060802-IR-312050214ACA; filed Jul 10, 2007, 2:09 p.m.: 20070808-IR-312060572FRA; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA; filed Nov 3, 2009, 3:34 p.m.: 20091202-IR-312090044FRA; filed Dec 1, 2011, 4:01 p.m.: 20111228-IR-312110101FRA; errata filed Jan 10, 2012, 1:19 p.m.: 20120125-IR-312120006ACA*)